COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No 345/81

of 9 February 1981

amending Regulation (EEC) No 1655/76 extending the transitional arrangements for the import of New Zealand butter into the United Kingdom

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to the 1972 Act of Accession, and in particular Article 5 (2) of Protocol 18,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas, further to Protocol 18, Council Regulation (EEC) No 1655/76 of 29 June 1976 extending the transitional arrangements for the import of New Zealand butter into the United Kingdom [1], authorized the United Kingdom, as a transitional measure, to import certain quantities of New Zealand butter on special terms from 1978 to 1980; whereas, in the interval, pending a Council Decision on the Commission's proposal regarding new import measures for New Zealand butter into the Community, it was appropriate not to cease application of Regulation (EEC) No 1655/76 on 31 Decemberr 1980;

Whereas, to this end, Regulation (EEC) No 3475/80 [2] fixed a quantity limit for imports during the month of January 1981 at 7 920 tonnes and Regulation (EEC) No 285/81 [3] a quantity limit of 2 640 tonnes for imports from 1 to 10 February 1981; whereas it is appropriate to re-extend the possibility of importing New Zealand butter into the United Kingdom on special terms for a limited period and to fix a quantity limit of 6 600 tonnes for the overall period running from 1 to 24 February 1981,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The last subparagraph of Article 1 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 1655/76 shall be replaced by the following:

'The quantity limit shall be fixed at 6 600 tonnes for the period between 1 and 24 February 1981.'

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 11 February 1981.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 9 February 1981.

For the Council

The President

G. BRAKS

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(1) OJ No L 185, 9. 7. 1976, p. 1.
(2) OJ No L 360, 31. 12. 1980, p. 19.
(3) OJ No L 32, 4. 2. 1981, p. 2.