COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No 857/81

of 1 April 1981

amending Regulation (EEC) No 1079/77 as regards the co-responsibility levy applicable in the milk and milk products sector during the 1981/82 milk year

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 43 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament [1],

Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee [2],

Whereas Regulation (EEC) No 1079/77 [3], as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1364/80 [4], introduced a co-responsibility levy applicable until the end of the 1982/83 milk year affecting, in principle, all quantities of milk delivered to dairies and certain farm sales of milk products ;

Whereas the amount of the levy, the purpose of which is to bring about a better balance on the milk market by creating a more direct link between production and possible outlets for milk products, amounted to 2 % of the target price for milk for the 1980/81 milk year ; whereas Article 2 (3) of Regulation (EEC) No 1079/77 provides for the application of an additional levy during the 1981/82 milk year if sales of milk by producers in the calendar year 1980 are 1·5 % or more higher than in the calendar year 1979 ;

Whereas the increase in the sales in question considerably exceeds this limit ; whereas it is therefore necessary to fix the amount of the levy applicable during the 1981/82 milk year at 2·5 % of the target price for milk ;

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

Regulation (EEC) No 1079/77 is hereby amended as follows :

'3. The levy for the 1981/82 milk year shall be fixed at 2·5 % of the target price for milk.'

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 6 April 1981.

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

Done at Brussels, 1 April 1981.

For the Council

The President

G. BRAKS

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[1] Opinion delivered on 26 March 1981 (not yet published in the Official Journal).
[2] Opinion delivered on 25 and 26 March 1981 (not yet published in the Official Journal).
[3] OJ No L 131, 26. 5. 1977, p. 6.
[4] OJ No L 140, 5. 6. 1980, p. 16.