COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No 1209/83

of 17 May 1983

amending Regulation (EEC) No 1079/77 in respect of the co-responsibility levy on milk and milk products

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 (1),

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament (2),

Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee (3),

Whereas Regulation (EEC) No 1079/77 (4), as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1189/82 (5), introduced a co-responsibility levy to apply until the end of the 1983/84 milk year and covering, in principle, all milk supplied to dairies and certain sales of milk products at the farm;

Whereas the object of that levy was to establish a better balance on the market for milk by creating a more direct connection between production and the scope for disposal for milk products, in view of the importance of the public interests involved; whereas, the data and forecasts at present available show that the abovementioned objectives will probably not be reached at the end of the period laid down; whereas it is therefore necessary, first, to extend application of the said levy to cover the 1984/85 milk year and, secondly, to maintain for the 1983/84 milk year the rate of the levy at its current level;

Whereas, to take account of varying conditions of production, it seems equitable to provide for the adoption of measures in order to support the incomes of small-scale milk producers,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

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

1. In Article 1 (1), the expression 'during the 1980/81, 1981/82, 1982/83 and 1983/84 milk years' shall be replaced by the expression 'during the 1980/81, 1981/82, 1982/83, 1983/84 and 1984/85 milk years'.

2. The following is added to Article 2:

'5. For the 1983/84 milk year, the levy shall be 2 % of the target price for milk.'

3. Article 2a shall be replaced by the following:

'Article 2a

For the 1983/84 milk year, the Council, acting by a qualified majority on a proposal from the Commission, shall adopt measures in order to support the incomes of small-scale milk producers. The expenditure on such measures may not exceed 120 million ECU. By way of derogation from Article 6, the rules of application of this Article shall be adopted by the Commission.'

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

It shall apply with effect from 23 May 1983.

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(1) OJ No C 32, 7. 2. 1983, p. 57.
(2) OJ No C 96, 11. 4. 1983, p. 54.
(3) OJ No C 81, 24. 3. 1983, p. 6.
(4) OJ No L 131, 26. 5. 1977, p. 6.
(5) OJ No L 140, 20. 5. 1982, p. 8.

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

Done at Brussels, 17 May 1983.

For the Council

The President

I. KIECHLE