COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No 1312/85

of 23 May 1985

amending Regulation (EEC) No 1837/80 on the common organization of the market in sheepmeat and goatmeat

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),

Whereas the coincidence of the beginning of the marketing year with the beginning of the calendar year means that the prices for each marketing year can be fixed at a time when the seasonally adjusted basic price and, in most cases, the Community's average market price, are moving upwards;

Whereas Regulation (EEC) No 1837/80 (3), as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 871/84 (4), should be amended as a result,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Article 3 (4) of Regulation (EEC) No 1837/80 is hereby replaced by the following:

'4. Save where a Decision to the contrary is taken by the Council, acting by a qualified majority on a proposal from the Commission, the marketing year shall begin on the first Monday in January and end on the day preceding that day in the following year. This provision shall be applicable for the first time on 6 January 1986.'

Article 2

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

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

Done at Brussels, 23 May 1985.

For the Council

The President

C. SIGNORILE

(1) OJ No C 67, 14. 3. 1985, p. 66
(2) OJ No C 94, 15. 4. 1985.
(3) OJ No L 183, 16. 7. 1980, p. 1.
(4) OJ No L 90, 1. 4. 1984, p. 35.