COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2408/97

of 3 December 1997

amending Regulation (EEC) No 1609/88 as regards the latest date by which butter must have been taken into storage in order to be sold pursuant to Regulations (EEC) No 3143/85 and (EEC) No 570/88

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 804/68 of 27 June 1968 on the common organization of the market in milk and milk products [1], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1587/96 [2], and in particular Article 6 (6) thereof,

Whereas, pursuant to Article 1 of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 570/88 of 16 February 1988 on the sale of butter at reduced prices and the grant of aid for cream, butter and concentrated butter for use in the manufacture of pastry products, ice-cream and other foodstuffs [3], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 531/96 [4], the butter put up for sale must have been taken into storage before a date to be determined;

Whereas, in view of the trends on the butter market and the quantities of stocks available, the date in Article 1 of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1609/88 [5], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2224/97 [6], relating to the butter referred to in Regulation (EEC) No 570/88, should be amended;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Milk and Milk Products,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

In Article 1 of Regulation (EEC) No 1609/88, the first subparagraph is hereby replaced by the following:

'The butter referred to in Article 1 of Regulation (EEC) No 570/88 must have been taken into storage before 1 July 1997.'

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, 3 December 1997.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

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[1] OJ L 148, 28. 6. 1968, p. 13.
[2] OJ L 206, 16. 8. 1996, p. 21.
[3] OJ L 55, 1. 3. 1988, p. 31.
[4] OJ L 78, 28. 3. 1996, p. 13.
[5] OJ L 143, 10. 6. 1988, p. 23.
[6] OJ L 305, 8. 11. 1997, p. 25.