COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2492/97

of 12 December 1997

suspending the sale of butter from public stocks pursuant to Articles 3a and 4a of Regulation (EEC) No 2315/76

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 Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2315/76 of 24 September 1976 on the sale of butter from public stocks [3], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1824/97 [4], provides for butter placed in public storage before a certain date to be sold at a price equal to the purchase price applied by the intervention agency, plus ECU 1 per 100 kilograms; whereas Articles 3a and 4a of that Regulation provide for the supply of food aid and the sale of butter to non-profit-making institutions and organizations;

Whereas, given the current levels of butter in intervention storage, the need for sales of butter to other users to continue and the other means available for supplying non-profit-making institutions and organizations, sales as provided for in Articles 3a and 4a of Regulation (EEC) No 2315/76 should be suspended;

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

Sales of butter from public stocks pursuant to Articles 3a and 4a of Regulation (EEC) No 2315/76 are hereby suspended.

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, 12 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 261, 25. 9. 1976, p. 12.
[4] OJ L 260, 23. 9. 1997, p. 8.