COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2397/2000
of 27 October 2000
suspending the buying-in of butter in certain Member States

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1255/1999 of 17 May 1999 on the common organisation of the market in milk and milk products [1], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1670/2000 [2], and in particular Article 10 thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Article 2 of Commission Regulation (EC) No 2771/1999 of 16 December 1999 laying down detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EC) No 1255/1999 as last regards intervention on the market in butter and cream [3], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2099/2000 [4], lays down the criteria for opening or suspending the buying-in of butter by invitation to tender in the Member States.

(2) Commission Regulation (EC) No 2280/2000 [5] suspending the buying-in of butter in certain Member States establishes the list of Member States in which intervention is suspended. As a result of the market prices communicated by Italy intervention must be suspended in this country and the list of Member States established by Regulation (EC) No 2280/2000 adjusted accordingly.

(3) 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

Buying-in of butter by invitation to tender as provided for in Article 6(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1255/1999 is hereby suspended in Belgium, Denmark, Germany, Spain, France, Italy, Greece, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Austria, Finland, Ireland, Portugal, the United Kingdom and Sweden.

Article 2

Regulation (EC) No 2280/2000 is hereby repealed.

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on 28 October 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 27 October 2000.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

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[1] OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 48.
[2] OJ L 193, 29.7.2000, p. 10.
[3] OJ L 333, 24.12.1999, p. 11.
[4] OJ L 249, 4.10.2000, p. 20.
[5] OJ L 260, 14.10.2000, p. 6.