COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 328/2001
of 16 February 2001
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 regards intervention on the market in butter and cream [3], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 213/2001 [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 165/2001 [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 Spain and Portugal intervention must no longer be suspended in these countries and the list of Member States established by Regulation (EC) No 165/2001 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, France, Greece, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Austria, Finland, the United Kingdom and Sweden.

Article 2

Regulation (EC) No 165/2001 is hereby repealed.

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on 17 February 2001.

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

Done at Brussels, 16 February 2001.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

[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 37, 7.2.2001, p. 1.
[5] OJ L 26, 27.1.2001, p. 12.