COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 970/2004

of 13 May 2004

fixing the maximum export refund for butter in the framework of the standing invitation to tender provided for in Regulation (EC) No 581/2004

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], and in particular the third subparagraph of Article 31(3) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Commission Regulation (EC) No 581/2004 of 26 March 2004 opening a standing invitation to tender for export refunds concerning certain types of butter [2] provides for a permanent tender.

(2) Pursuant to Article 5 of Commission Regulation (EC) No 580/2004 of 26 March 2004 establishing a tender procedure concerning export refunds for certain milk products [3] and following an examination of the tenders submitted in response to the invitation to tender, it is appropriate to fix a maximum export refund for the tendering period ending on 12 May 2004.

(3) The Management Committee for Milk and Milk Products has not delivered an opinion within the time limit set by its chairman,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

For the permanent tender opened by Regulation (EC) No 581/2004, for the tendering period ending on 12 May 2004, the maximum amount of refund for the products referred to in Article 1(1) of that Regulation shall be as follows:

(EUR/100 kg)

Product	Export refund Code	Maximum amount of export refund	
		For export to the destination referred to in the first indent of Article 1(1) of Regulation (EC) No 581/2004	For export to the destinations referred to in the second indent of Article 1(1) of Regulation (EC) No 581/2004
Butter	ex 0405 10 19 9500	—	—
Butter	ex 0405 10 19 9700	—	155,30
Butteroil	ex 0405 90 10 9000	—	194,00

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 14 May 2004.

[1] OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 48. Regulation as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 186/2004 (OJ L 29, 3.2.2004, p. 6).
[2] OJ L 90, 27.3.2004, p. 64.
[3] OJ L 90, 27.3.2004, p. 58.

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

Done at Brussels, 13 May 2004.

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission