COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1268/2005

of 1 August 2005

amending Regulation (EEC) No 2191/81 on the granting of aid for the purchase of butter by non-profit making institutions and organisations

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 Article 15 thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2191/81 [2] provides for the grant of aid for the purchase of butter by non-profit making institutions and organisations. In view of the reduction in the butter intervention price and the subsequent reduction of aid levels in other butter support schemes, the aid amount should be reduced.

(2) Given the nature of the final beneficiaries of this scheme, it is necessary to provide for some time to elapse between the entry into force of the Regulation and its application in order to allow beneficiaries to adapt to the new aid level.

(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

In the first subparagraph of Article 2(1) of Regulation (EEC) No 2191/81, the amount 'EUR 80' is replaced by the amount 'EUR 60'.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

It shall apply from 1 September 2005.

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

Done at Brussels, 1 August 2005.

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission

[1] OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 48. Regulation last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 186/2004 (OJ L 29, 3.2.2004, p. 6).
[2] OJ L 213, 1.8.1981, p. 20. Regulation last amended by Regulation (EC) No 181/2005 (OJ L 30, 3.2.2005, p. 8).