

COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No 2574/78

of 30 October 1978

on the granting of additional aid for the consumption of butter in the United Kingdom

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic 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 (EEC) No 1761/78⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 12 (2) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas large quantities of butter are available on the market and it is therefore advisable to increase the consumption of butter by all appropriate means ;

Whereas the reduction of final consumer prices is an efficient means of attaining this objective ; whereas, to this end, Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1901/78 of 4 August 1978 on the sale of butter at a reduced price during the 1978/79 milk year for direct consumption in the Community⁽³⁾, was adopted ; whereas this measure was adapted to the special situation in Italy by Council Regulation (EEC) No 1764/78 of 25 July 1978 on the granting of aid for the consumption of butter in Italy⁽⁴⁾ ;

Whereas on the butter market in the United Kingdom there are large stocks of imported butter which have a depressive effect on prices ; whereas the market price is below the intervention price ; whereas to put intervention butter back on this market might aggravate the situation ; whereas Regulation (EEC) No 1901/78 does not therefore apply to the United Kingdom ; whereas a different solution should be found to enable consumers in the United Kingdom to benefit from a supplementary reduction in the price of butter ;

Whereas, to this end, it seems appropriate to provide, in respect of the corresponding quantity of butter

produced in the Community on the United Kingdom market, an aid in addition to that applied in accordance with Council Regulation (EEC) No 880/77 of 26 April 1977 on the granting of a consumer subsidy for butter⁽⁵⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1040/78⁽⁶⁾ ; whereas this additional aid is financed entirely by the Community in accordance with Article 3 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 729/70 of 21 April 1970 on the financing of the common agricultural policy⁽⁷⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2788/72⁽⁸⁾,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

1. The United Kingdom shall grant aid of 20 units of account per 100 kilograms in respect of a maximum quantity of 51 025 tonnes of butter produced in the Community, sold for direct consumption from 1 November 1978.
2. This aid shall be added to that which the United Kingdom grants in accordance with Regulation (EEC) No 880/77. Article 2 of that Regulation shall apply to the granting of aid in accordance with this Regulation.
3. The United Kingdom shall take appropriate measures to ensure that there is an equitable distribution of the quantity of butter referred to in paragraph 1, in particular taking into account the quantity of butter normally disposed of by those concerned for direct consumption in the United Kingdom.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day of 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 Luxembourg, 30 October 1978.

For the Council

The President

J. ERTL

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 148, 28. 6. 1968, p. 13.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 204, 28. 7. 1978, p. 6.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 216, 4. 8. 1978, p. 43.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 204, 28. 7. 1978, p. 10.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ No L 106, 29. 4. 1977, p. 31.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ No L 134, 22. 5. 1978, p. 7.

⁽⁷⁾ OJ No L 94, 28. 4. 1970, p. 13.

⁽⁸⁾ OJ No L 295, 30. 12. 1972, p. 1.