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COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 29 December 1972

on the disposal of butter to certain categories of consumers in receipt of social security benefits

(73/10/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community ;

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 804/68 ⁽¹⁾ of 27 June 1968 on the common organization of the market in milk and milk products, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1411/71 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 12 (3) and Article 28 thereof ;

Whereas Council Regulation (EEC) No 2716/72 ⁽³⁾ of 19 December 1972 laying down general rules on measures to increase butter consumption by certain categories of consumers provides for the possibility of a decision being taken to grant subsidies to allow persons in receipt of social security benefits to buy butter at a reduced price ;

Whereas, in view of existing butter surpluses, Member States should now be allowed to grant such subsidies ;

Whereas the amount of the subsidy should be such as to allow butter to be sold at a price which takes account of the price of the fats normally consumed by these categories of consumer ;

Whereas the quantity of butter sold at a reduced price should be adapted to the needs of these categories of consumers ;

Whereas the most efficient course from the administrative point of view is for the subsidy to be paid to the supplier ;

Whereas, to ensure that it reaches its intended destination, the butter should be sold only on production of a document proving that the person concerned is entitled to buy this butter ;

Whereas Member States must inform the Commission of the provisions they propose to adopt and of the quantities of butter sold under this Decision ;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the Opinion of the Management Committee for Milk and Milk Products ;

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION :

Article 1

Member States are hereby authorized, under the conditions set out in Articles 2 to 4, to grant a subsidy which should allow certain categories of consumers in receipt of social security benefits to buy butter at a reduced price.

Article 2

1. The subsidy shall not exceed 136 units of account per 100 kg of butter.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 148, 28. 6. 1968, p. 13.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 148, 3. 7. 1971, p. 4.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 291, 28. 12. 1972, p. 18.

2. The subsidy shall be paid to the supplier.

Article 3

Consumers shall obtain butter :

- only on production of a document proving their entitlement,
- up to a maximum of 500 grammes per month.

Article 4

Member States shall notify the Commission :
ensure that subsidies granted benefit only the consumers envisaged by this Decision.

Article 5

Member States shall notify the Commission :

- (a) of the criteria they intend to apply for the purpose of defining the categories of consumers spe-

cified in Article 1 and of the number of beneficiaries envisaged ;

- (b) of steps taken under Article 4 ;
- (c) each month, of the quantities of subsidized butter sold.

Article 6

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 29 December 1972.

For the Commission

The President

S. L. MANSHOLT
