

COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 954/77

of 4 May 1977

amending Regulation (EEC) No 349/73 on the sale at reduced prices of intervention butter for direct consumption as concentrated butter

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 of 27 June 1968 on the common organization of the market in milk and milk products⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 559/76⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 6 (7) thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 985/68 of 15 July 1968 laying down general rules for intervention on the market in butter and cream⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2714/72⁽⁴⁾, and in particular Article 7a thereof,

Whereas Commission Regulation (EEC) No 349/73 of 31 January 1973 on the sale at reduced prices of intervention butter for direct consumption as concentrated butter⁽⁵⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2575/76⁽⁶⁾, lays down that indicators shall be incorporated in the butter sold, in order that a check may be kept on its use;

Whereas it should be made as easy as possible for processors to purchase the products as defined in Article 5 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 349/73; whereas, having regard to technical developments, an addition must therefore be made to the said provisions as regards the use of stigmaterol;

Whereas 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

In Article 5 of Regulation (EEC) No 349/73, paragraph 2 is hereby amended to read as follows:

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 148, 28. 6. 1968, p. 13.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 67, 15. 3. 1976, p. 9.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 169, 18. 7. 1968, p. 1.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 291, 28. 12. 1972, p. 15.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ No L 40, 13. 2. 1973, p. 1.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ No L 293, 23. 10. 1976, p. 23.

'2. During the melting of the butter there shall be incorporated per 100 kg of butter used:

— 2 kg of C₁₆ and/or C₁₈ fatty acid monoglycerides of a degree of purity of at least 90 % calculated in monoglycerides on the product ready for incorporation, or

— 1 kg of pelargonic acid (triglycerides of n — nonanoic acid) of a degree of purity of at least 95 % calculated in triglycerides on the product ready for incorporation, or

— if the concentrated butter contains at least 99 % butyric fats:

(aa) 15 g of stigmaterol (C₂₉H₄₈O = Δ-5-22-stigmastene-3-beta-ol) of a degree of purity of at least 95 % calculated on the product ready for incorporation, or

(bb) 17 g of stigmaterol (C₂₉H₄₈O = Δ-5-22-stigmastene-3-beta-ol) of a degree of purity of at least 85 % calculated on the product ready for incorporation, with a maximum of 7.5 % of brassicasterol (C₂₈H₄₆O = Δ-5-22-ergostene-3-beta-ol) and with a maximum of 4 % sitosterol (C₂₉H₅₀O = Δ-5-stigmastene-3-beta-ol).

The competent agency shall ensure that the provisions as to the quality and characteristics, in particular the degree of purity, of the products to be incorporated into the melted butter have been complied with.'

Article 2

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

On application from those concerned, obligations entered into before this date in accordance with Articles 2 and 3 of Regulation (EEC) No 349/73 shall be adapted to take account of Article 1 of the present Regulation.

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

Done at Brussels, 4 May 1977.

For the Commission

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