

REGULATION (EEC) No 1281/71 OF THE COMMISSION
of 18 June 1971

on the buying-in by intervention agencies of sugar offered by specialised sugar traders

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community;

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1009/67¹ of 18 December 1967 on the common organisation of the market in sugar, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1060/71,² and in particular Article 9 (8) thereof;

Whereas, under the second subparagraph of Article 2 (1) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 447/68³ of 9 April 1968 laying down general rules for intervention buying of sugar, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2274/70,⁴ provision may be made for intervention agencies to buy in sugar offered by any specialised sugar trader who has been approved by the Member State on whose territory he is established; whereas the aim of these measures has been to promote free competition by strengthening the position of the independent sugar trade in the common organisation of the market in sugar, taking into account the importance this may assume in trade between Member States and third countries;

Whereas experience gained since 1 July 1968 has shown that the independent sugar trade has, without

access to intervention, been unable to play fully its essential role in the proper functioning of the common organisation of markets, taking account in particular of the risks involved in the buying-in and storage of large quantities of sugar for marketing at a later date; whereas one means of enabling such trade to operate under normal conditions of competition is the implementation of the above-mentioned measures; whereas this implementation should be provided for in good time before further sugar production begins;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the Opinion of the Management Committee for Sugar;

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Intervention agencies shall, under the conditions laid down, buy in sugar offered to them by specialised sugar traders.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 July 1971.

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

Done at Brussels, 18 June 1971.

For the Commission

The President

Franco M. MALFATTI

¹ OJ No 308, 18.12.1967, p. 1.

² OJ No L 115, 27.5.1971, p. 16.

³ OJ No L 91, 12.4.1968, p. 5.

⁴ OJ No L 246, 12.11.1970, p. 3.