

**COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 2856/77****of 21 December 1977****fixing the special levy applicable to New Zealand butter imported into the United Kingdom**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty of Accession, and in particular Protocol 18 thereto,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1655/76 of 29 June 1976 extending the transitional arrangements for the import of New Zealand butter into the United Kingdom<sup>(1)</sup>, and in particular Article 8 thereof,

Whereas, in accordance with Article 3 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 1655/76, a special levy is applied to New Zealand butter imported into the United Kingdom pursuant to this Regulation ;

Whereas, under Article 3 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 1655/76, the special levy is fixed on the basis of the difference between :

- the market price of New Zealand butter in the United Kingdom, and
- the cif price fixed under Article 2 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2157/77 of 27 September 1977, fixing the price to be observed at the cif stage for imports of New Zealand butter and cheese into the United Kingdom<sup>(2)</sup>, plus the total costs between the cif stage and the stage of initial sale ;

Whereas Article 3 (3) of Regulation (EEC) No 1655/76 lays down that in order to ensure an effective turnover of yearly quantities, the special levy must be fixed at a level permitting the sale of butter at a consistent rate without disrupting the market in Community butter ;

Whereas the application of these rules to the situation on the British market results in the special levy being fixed at the level given below ;

Whereas with regard to the other detailed rules of application of Regulation (EEC) No 1655/76, Commission Regulation (EEC) No 465/73 of 31 January 1973 laying down detailed rules for the application of the special system for the import of New Zealand butter and cheese into the United Kingdom<sup>(3)</sup> may continue to be applied to butter imported on or after 1 January 1978.

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*

The special levy referred to in Article 3 of Regulation (EEC) No 1655/76 shall be 103.86 units of account per 100 kilograms of butter.

*Article 2*

Regulation (EEC) No 465/73 shall apply to importations of New Zealand butter under Regulation (EEC) No 1655/76.

*Article 3*

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 January 1978.

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

Done at Brussels, 21 December 1977.

*For the Commission*

Finn GUNDELACH

*Vice-President*

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No L 185, 9. 7. 1976, p. 1.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ No L 250, 30. 9. 1977, p. 12.

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ No L 53, 26. 2. 1973, p. 36.