

COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No 1140/2009**of 20 November 2009****amending Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products (Single CMO Regulation)**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

1 April 2009 and 1 April 2010 and only as regards milk deliveries in order to limit the measure to the extent necessary.

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 37 thereof,

(5) Article 186 of Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 provides that the Commission can take measures in cases of disturbances of the market of certain agricultural products where internal market prices significantly rise or fall. Milk and milk products are, however, not covered by that Article.

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the Opinion of the European Parliament ⁽¹⁾,

(6) In view of the serious difficulties and the increasing price volatility on the dairy market it is appropriate to enlarge the scope of Article 186 of Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 to milk and milk products, thus enabling the Commission to react to market disturbances in a flexible and swift manner.

Whereas:

(7) Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 should therefore be amended accordingly,

(1) For the purpose of restructuring milk production in the Community, Article 75(1)(a) of Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 ⁽²⁾ gives to the Member States the possibility to grant compensation to producers who undertake to abandon permanently all or part of their milk production and place the individual quotas thus released in the national reserve.

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 shall be amended as follows:

(2) In order to stimulate further the necessary restructuring, the surplus levy payable by the milk producers pursuant to Article 78(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 should be calculated on the basis of the national quota reduced by the individual quotas bought-up under Article 75(1)(a), subject to the condition that those released quotas remain in the national reserve in the quota year concerned.

1. Article 78 is amended as follows:

(3) Given the necessity to reinforce the financial instruments for further restructuring of the sector, Member States should be allowed to use for the same restructuring purposes the additional money collected on the basis of the new calculation method.

(a) after paragraph 1, the following paragraph is inserted:

'1a. By way of derogation from the first subparagraph of paragraph 1, for the 12-month periods starting on 1 April 2009 and 1 April 2010 and as regards deliveries the surplus levy shall be payable on milk marketed in excess of the national quota as established in accordance with Subsection II and reduced by individual quotas for deliveries released into the national reserve in accordance with Article 75(1)(a) as from 30 November 2009 and kept therein until 31 March of the 12-month period concerned.'

(4) This calculation method should be applicable on a temporary basis, for the 12-month periods starting on

(b) after paragraph 2, the following paragraph is inserted:

'2a. The difference between the amount of the surplus levy resulting from the application of paragraph 1a and that resulting from the application of the first subparagraph of paragraph 1 shall be used by the Member State for financing restructuring measures in the dairy sector.'

⁽¹⁾ Opinion of 22 October 2009 (not yet published in the Official Journal).⁽²⁾ OJ L 299, 16.11.2007, p. 1.

2. in Article 79, the following paragraph is added:

'For the 12-month periods starting on 1 April 2009 and 1 April 2010 and as regards the deliveries, the surplus levy shall be entirely allocated, in accordance with Articles 80 and 83, among the producers who have contributed to the overrun of the national quota as established by application of Article 78(1a).';

3. in Article 186, point (a) is replaced by the following:

'(a) with regard to the products of the sugar, hops, beef and veal, milk and milk products, sheepmeat and goatmeat sectors, where the prices on the Community market for any of those products rise or fall significantly';

Article 2

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

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

Done at Brussels, 20 November 2009.

For the Council
The President
E. ERLANDSSON
