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EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES -

Butter Subsidy

REGULATIONS, DATED 24TH APRIL 1974, MADE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES AND THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE. UNDER SECTION 2(2) AND (5) OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES ACT 1972.

The Department of Health and Social Services and the Department of Agriculture, acting jointly, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by section 2(2) and (5) of the European Communities Act 1972(a) as applying subject to the provisions of Article 2(1) of, and the Schedule to, the European Communities (Designation) Order 1972(b), and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations, which may be cited as the Butter Subsidy Amendment (Northern Ireland) Regulations 1974, shall be read as one with the Butter Subsidy (Northern Ireland) Regulations 1974(c) (hereinafter referred to as "the principal regulations") and shall come into operation on 1st May 1974.

Amendment of the principal regulations

2.-(1) In regulations 3(2), 4(2) and 5(1) of the principal regulations for the words "41 pence" there shall be substituted the words "6 pence".

(2) Nothing in this regulation shall affect the operation of the principal regulations in relation to a butter token issued for any period prior to the date of coming into operation of this regulation notwithstanding that it may. have been accepted by a supplier after that date.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland this 24th day of April 1974.

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C. G. Oakes, Assistant Secretary.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland this 24th day of April 1974.

> J. C. Chalmers, Assistant Secretary.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the regulations, but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These regulations amend the Butter Subsidy (Northern Ireland) Regulations 1974 by increasing the amount of the subsidy with effect from 1st May 1974. Persons entitled to butter tokens will be able to purchase 2 onehalf pounds of butter a month at a price of 6 pence a half pound below that at which it would otherwise have been sold (hitherto the rate was $4\frac{1}{2}$ pence a half pound).

The regulations take advantage of an increase in the amount of subsidy which may be granted in the United Kingdom under Commission Decision 73/10/EEC, OJ No. L40, 13.2.1973, p. 15 (as corrected by OJ No. L78, 27.3.1973, p. 26, and as amended by OJ No. L77, 26.3.1973, p. 46 and OJ No. L30, 4.2.1974, p. 23); this increase derives from a change in the compensatory amount applicable to trade in butter between the United Kingdom and the European Economic Community as originally constituted.