

COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 2306/76
of 23 September 1976
temporarily suspending the private storage of Grana Padano and Parmigiano
Reggiano cheeses

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 8 (5) thereof,

Whereas, under Article 11 (2) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 971/68 of 15 July 1968 laying down general rules for intervention on the market in Grana Padano and Parmigiano Reggiano cheeses⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 473/75⁽⁴⁾, intervention agencies may be authorized, should the market situation so require, to re-market some or all of the cheeses to which a storage contract relates; whereas pursuant to paragraph 1 (c) of the said Article the storage contracts concluded by intervention agencies include a clause allowing for this;

Whereas the current trend of the market for the cheeses in question shows a strong demand which cannot be satisfied from the available supply; whereas market prices have increased significantly in consequence; whereas, in order to restore the market balance, it is necessary to suspend temporarily private storage of the cheeses in question and to provide for current storage contracts to be terminated in advance, so that the quantities at present in storage may be released on to the market;

Whereas in these circumstances provision must be made to waive the requirement of a minimum period

of storage as laid down in Article 17 (1) of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1107/68 of 27 July 1968 on detailed rules for intervention on the market in Grana Padano and Parmigiano Reggiano cheeses⁽⁵⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 250/76⁽⁶⁾;

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

1. Current storage contracts concluded under Article 10 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 971/68 shall expire on the day this Regulation enters into force.
2. By way of derogation from Article 17 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 1107/68, aid shall be granted in respect of the storage period completed on the day specified in paragraph 1, even where such period is of less than three months.

Article 2

The conclusion of the storage contracts under Article 10 of Regulation (EEC) No 971/68 is suspended from the day this Regulation enters into force until 31 March 1977.

Article 3

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

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

Done at Brussels, 23 September 1976.

For the Commission

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⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 148, 28. 6. 1968, p. 13.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 67, 15. 3. 1976, p. 9.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 166, 17. 7. 1968, p. 8.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 52, 28. 2. 1975, p. 23.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ No L 184, 29. 7. 1968, p. 29.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ No L 30, 5. 2. 1976, p. 11.