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**COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No 2957/84
of 22 October 1984
on the granting of aid for the consumption of butter in Greece and Italy**

THE COUNCIL 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 1557/84 ⁽²⁾, and in particular
Article 12 (2) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas the situation on the Community butter
market is characterized by large stocks and it is there-
fore advisable to increase the consumption of butter by
all appropriate means ;

Whereas the reduction of final consumer prices is an
efficient means of attaining this objective ; whereas, to
this end, the Commission envisages the adoption of an
ad hoc measure based on Article 6 (7) of Regulation
(EEC) No 804/68 involving an additional reduction in
the price of butter bought for direct consumption in
view of the Christmas and New Year holidays ;

Whereas the implementation of the abovementioned
measure presents particular problems in Greece and
Italy ; whereas, in fact, the butter markets in these
Member States are characterized by very low or non-
existent public stocks and by very small quantities

under private storage contracts ; whereas, in order to
avoid placing consumers in these Member States at a
disadvantage, as compared with consumers in the
other Member States, provision should be made for
subsidizing butter in Greece and Italy on the same
conditions as the butter sold in the other Member
States in the framework of the said measure,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

1. Aid shall be granted in Greece and Italy for the
direct consumption of butter.
2. The aid is hereby fixed at 160 ECU per 100 kilo-
grams.

Article 2

The detailed rules for the application of this Regula-
tion shall lay down, in particular, a time limit for the
packaging of the butter in small packets, the
maximum amount of butter which may be eligible for
the aid referred to in Article 1, and provisions guaran-
teeing that the butter will be consumed in the
Member State for which it is intended.

Article 3

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

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

Done at Luxembourg, 22 October 1984.

For the Council

The President

A. DEASY

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 148, 28. 6. 1968, p. 13.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 150, 6. 6. 1984, p. 6.