

**COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 2576/85**  
of 12 September 1985

**amending Regulation (EEC) No 685/69 as regards the time limits for payment  
for butter bought in by intervention agencies**

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 <sup>(1)</sup>, as last amended  
by Regulation (EEC) No 1298/85 <sup>(2)</sup>, and in particular  
Article 6 (7) thereof,

Whereas Article 5 (5) of Commission Regulation  
(EEC) No 685/69 of 14 April 1969 on detailed rules of  
application for intervention on the market in butter  
and cream <sup>(3)</sup>, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No  
1767/85 <sup>(4)</sup>, lays down the time limit for payment for  
butter bought in by intervention agencies ;

Whereas, as part of the annual price fixing, the  
Council decided to reduce the intervention price for  
butter during the 1985/86 marketing year ; whereas,  
moreover, the second year of application of the  
scheme for controlling milk production involves a  
further reduction in the reference quantities of purcha-  
sers or producers ; whereas, generally speaking, in view  
of the overall situation in the milk sector, it appears  
desirable to relax the constraints affecting small milk  
producers for the 1985/86 milk year ; whereas, with  
this in view, Member States should be entitled to bring  
forward the time limit for payment of intervention  
butter manufactured from deliveries by small milk  
producers ;

Whereas, given the diversity of production and proces-  
sing structures in the Community in the sector  
concerned and the fact that the financial consequences

of the measure are borne by the Member States under  
Council Regulation (EEC) No 3247/81 <sup>(5)</sup>, as last  
amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2139/85 <sup>(6)</sup>, Member  
States should be left to define small producers for the  
purpose of implementing the measure ;

Whereas the Management Committee for Milk and  
Milk Products has not delivered an opinion within the  
time limit set by its chairman,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

*Article 1*

The following subparagraphs are hereby added to  
Article 5 (5) of Regulation (EEC) No 685/69 :

'During the 1985/86 marketing year Member States  
shall be entitled to pay for butter manufactured  
from deliveries by small milk producers, and  
bought in by intervention agencies, from the 60th  
day after it is taken over.

Member States which make use of this entitlement  
shall communicate in good time to the Commis-  
sion the steps which they envisage taking in order  
to apply the measure.'

*Article 2*

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day  
following 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 Brussels, 12 September 1985.

*For the Commission*

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No L 148, 28. 6. 1968, p. 13.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ No L 137, 27. 5. 1985, p. 5.

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ No L 90, 15. 4. 1969, p. 12.

<sup>(4)</sup> OJ No L 168, 28. 6. 1985, p. 23.

<sup>(5)</sup> OJ No L 327, 14. 11. 1981, p. 1.

<sup>(6)</sup> OJ No L 199, 31. 7. 1985, p. 13.