

COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No 2074/92

of 30 June 1992

establishing an additional levy on the milk and milk-products sector

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 43 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission ⁽¹⁾,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament ⁽²⁾,

Whereas pursuant to Council Regulation (EEC) No 856/84 amending Regulation (EEC) No 804/68 on the common organization of the market in milk and milk products ⁽³⁾ an additional levy was introduced from 2 April 1984 in the said sector; whereas the purpose of this scheme, introduced for nine years and due to expire on 31 March 1993, was to reduce the imbalance between supply and demand on the milk and milk-products market and the resulting structural surpluses; whereas it remains necessary in the future in order to achieve a better market balance; whereas the additional levy should therefore continue to be applied for seven further consecutive 12-month periods starting on 1 April 1993;

Whereas, in order to make full use of the experience gained in this area and in the interests of simplification and clarification with a view to ensuring the legal certainty of producers and other parties concerned, the Commission has proposed that the Council lay down by a separate regulation the basic rules of the extended scheme and at the same time reduce their scope and diversity;

Whereas, although the extension of the scheme for another seven years can be formally decided without delay, it has

been deemed opportune to decide later, but by 31 December 1992, on the simplification and codification of the scheme,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

During seven further consecutive 12-month periods beginning on 1 April 1993, an additional levy shall be payable by producers of cows' milk on the quantities of milk or milk equivalent delivered to a purchaser or sold for direct consumption during a 12-month period in excess of a quantity to be determined.

Article 2

In order to codify and simplify the current rules, the Council shall adopt the necessary provisions, including those relating to the transfer of the reference quantities in certain specific situations, by 31 December 1992, on the basis of the Commission's proposals.

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third 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 Luxembourg, 30 June 1992.

For the Council

The President

Arlindo MARQUES CUNHA

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 337, 31. 12. 1991, p. 35.

⁽²⁾ OJ No C 94, 13. 4. 1992.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 90, 1. 4. 1984, p. 10.