

## COMMISSION DECISION

of 16 February 1973

to release France temporarily from the obligation to conduct weekly surveys of milk and dairy products

(73/40/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community;

Having regard to the Council Directive of 31 July 1972 <sup>(1)</sup> concerning the statistical surveys to be conducted by Member States on milk and milk products, and having regard in particular to Article 5, paragraph 1, third subparagraph;

Whereas in accordance with Article 5, paragraph 1, third subparagraph of the above Directive it may be decided that the rules for weekly surveys should not be applied for a certain transitional period in those areas of the Community where weekly data were not assembled at the time this Directive came into force;

Whereas in France no weekly surveys have been conducted in the past on the production of butter and skimmed-milk powder; whereas also their introduction in this Member State is made difficult by the large number of establishments to be covered and cannot therefore be put into effect until a transition period has elapsed;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the Opinion of the Management Committee on Agricultural Statistics;

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

*Article 1*

The rules for the return of weekly statistics in accordance with Article 4 (1) of the Directive of 31 July 1972 will not be applied in France until 31 December 1974.

*Article 2*

This Decision is addressed to the Republic of France.

Done at Brussels, 16 February 1973.

*For the Commission*

*The President*

François-Xavier ORTOLI

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No L 179, 7. 8. 1972, p. 2.