

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Modification of the
Proposal for a
COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

fixing the target price for milk, the intervention prices for butter, skimmed-milk powder and Grana Padano and Parmigiano Reggiano cheeses and the guarantee threshold for the 1983/84 milk year.

(submitted to the Council by the Commission pursuant to the second paragraph of Article 149 of the EEC Treaty)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

In its explanatory memorandum, (Vol I, COM(82)650, page 106) the Commission indicated that it reserved the possibility of modifying its proposal in the light of more definite information concerning milk deliveries in 1982. The most recent information available to the Commission is now is that milk deliveries increased by 3,5% in 1982, rather than the 2,7% taken as a basis for its earlier proposal.

The Commission therefore amends its earlier proposal of the level of intervention prices in the milk sector.

In proposing this amendment of its proposal already presented - (COM(82)650 final, Vol III, pages 115-117) the Commission emphasises the importance which it attaches to the effective operation of the guarantee thresholds and the appropriate measures to offset the additional costs since the guarantee threshold has been exceeded. The Commission's price proposal, which is now amended in the light of the latest information on milk deliveries in 1982, is part of the range of measures necessary in order to exercise some restraint on rising milk production and at the same time to take account of the revenues of small milk producers for whom the Commission has proposed a direct aid of 120 million ECU in 1983/84.

Modification of the Proposal for a
Regulation (EEC) of the Council

fixing the target price for milk, the intervention prices for butter, skimmed-milk powder and Grana Padano and Parmigiano Reggiano cheeses and the guarantee threshold for the 1983/84 milk year

(Presented by the Commission to the Council on the basis of Article 149, 2nd paragraph, of the Treaty.)

1. The fifth whereas is replaced by the following:

"Whereas milk deliveries to the dairies in 1982 have exceeded the guarantee threshold fixed in Article 2 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 1184/82 (3) for the 1982 calendar year; whereas the excess quantity has been estimated at 3,0%; whereas the intervention prices should therefore be reduced by that percentage;"

2. The final whereas is replaced by the following:

"Whereas provision should be made for appropriate measures to be adopted if the guarantee threshold is exceeded, in the interests of offsetting the cost of marketing the excess milk collected,"

3. Article 1 is replaced by the following:

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For the 1983/84 milk year, the target price for milk and the intervention prices for milk products shall be as follows:

	ECU/100 kg
(a) target price for milk	28,28
(b) intervention price:	
butter	357,86
skimmed-milk powder	149,64
Grana Padano cheese	
- of an age of between 30 and 60 days	361,28
- of an age of at least six months	439,53
Parmigiano Reggiano cheese of an	
age of at least six months	480,26