

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Proposal for a
COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

fixing for the 1977/1978 milk year the guideline figure for the fat content of standardized whole milk imported into Ireland and the United Kingdom

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Pursuant to Regulation (EEC) No 1411/71¹, as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 566/76² the Member States must, as of 1 October 1976, have applied to whole milk for human consumption either the formula of non-standardized whole milk whose fat content has not been altered since the milking stage (Ireland and the United Kingdom) or the formula of standardized whole milk with a minimum fat content of 3.5% (the other Member States, except for Italy, which uses the authorisation provided for in Article 6(3) of the said Regulation). Pursuant to Article 3 of Regulation (EEC) No 1411/71, Ireland and the United Kingdom must, however, permit the marketing on their territories of standardized whole milk coming from another Member State if the fat content of such milk is not less than a percentage to be fixed for each milk year and corresponds to the weighted average fat content of the whole milk produced and marketed in the Member State in question during the previous year (guideline figure).

According to the figure supplied to the Commission by the two Member States concerned, the abovementioned weighted average is 3.52% for Ireland and 3.77% for the United Kingdom.

It is therefore proposed that the Council should, pursuant to Article 3(7) of Regulation (EEC) No 1411/71, fix those figures as guideline figures, for the milk year 1977/78.

¹OJ No L 148, 3. 7.1971, p. 4

²OJ No L 67, 15. 3.1976, p.23

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1411/71 of 29 June 1971 laying down additional rules on the common organization of the market in milk and milk products for products falling within tariff heading No 04.01¹, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 566/76², and in particular Article 3(6)(b) thereof;

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission;

Whereas, pursuant to Article 3(5) of Regulation (EEC) No 1411/71, Ireland and the United Kingdom apply within their territories the formula of non-standardized whole milk within the meaning of the second indent of Article 3(1)(b) of that Regulation;

Whereas, pursuant to Article 3 (6) and (7), a guideline figure must be fixed for the milk year 1977/78 for the fat content of standardized whole milk coming from another Member State for marketing within the territory of the two abovementioned Member States; whereas this guideline figure must be the weighted average fat content of the whole milk produced and marketed in the importing Member State during the previous year;

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

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Sole Article

For the 1977/78 milk year, the guideline figure referred to in Article 3(6)(b) of Regulation (EEC) No 1411/71 shall be 3.52% for Ireland and 3.77% for the United Kingdom.

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

Done at Brussels, 4 February 1977
For the Council