

# COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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## PROPOSAL FOR A COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

regarding provisions relating to the modulation of the co-responsability levy on milk and milk products during the milk year 1982/83

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(presented by the Commission to the Council)

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. In Document COM (82)10 final volume 1, the Commission stated that in the light of the situation of small producers it would propose, by way of a modulation of the basic co-responsibility levy, income subsidies costing about 120 million ECU.
  
2. It was felt that total exemption from payment of the co-responsibility levy for all producers whose total annual milk sales fall below a certain ceiling to be determined was likely to lead to fraud and create an unacceptable difference in treatment between producers who are exempt and those slightly above the ceiling.
  
3. Modulation of the rate of the levy for all producers was felt to be more desirable. This does not call into question the levy's expected impact on the level of milk deliveries and makes it possible to support the incomes of small producers.

In most cases the lower rate of 1.5% on the first 60.000 kg supplied will apply to almost all the milk sold each year by the small producers.

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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) n° 1079/77 on a co-responsibility levy and on measures to expand the milk and milk products market (1), as last amended by Regulation (EEC) n° (2) and in particular Article 2 (a),

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas Article 2 (a) of Regulation (EEC) n° 1079/77 provides for the adaptation of measures to support the incomes of small-scale producers; whereas in order to avoid difficulty related to the definition of small-scale producers, it may prove advisable to introduce the principle of progressivity in the collection of the levy for all producers; whereas by this means, the incomes of small-scale producers will be supported; <sup>whereas</sup> at the same time, this progressivity does not call into question the objective pursued by the levy in stabilising deliveries; whereas it has therefore to be provided that all producers be subjected to a reduced levy for the first 60 000 kg of milk sold;

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

In compliance with Article 2 (a) of Regulation (EEC) n° 1079/77, the amount of the levy to be collected conforming with the Articles 1 and 2 of the same Regulation

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(1) O.J. n° P L 131, 26.05.1977, p. 6  
(2) O.J. n°

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is limited for the milkyear 1982/83, to 1,5 % of the target price for milk, subject to a limit of a yearly quantity of 60 000 kg of milk per producer.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third day following its publication in the Official Journal of the European Communities.

It shall apply with effect from 1 April 1982.

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

Done at Brussels,

For the Council

