

**COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES**

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Proposal for a

COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

fixing for the remainder of the 1976/1977 milk  
year the guideline figure for the fat content of  
standardized whole milk imported into Ireland  
and the United Kingdom

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(submitted by the Commission to the Council)



EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Pursuant to Regulation (EEC) No 1411/71<sup>(1)</sup> as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 566/76<sup>(2)</sup> the Member States must, as of 1 October 1976, apply to whole milk for human consumption either the formula of standardized whole milk with a minimum fat content of 3.5% or the formula of non-standardized whole milk whose fat content has not been altered since the milking stage.

Ireland and the United Kingdom have opted for the formula of non-standardized whole milk while the other Member States are maintaining the formula of standardized whole milk.

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 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 figures supplied to the Commission by the two Member States concerned, the above-mentioned weighted average is 3.51% for Ireland and 3.76% 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.

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(1) OJ No L 148, 3. 7.1971, p. 4  
(2) OJ No L 67, 15. 3.1976, p. 23

