

# COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Proposal for a  
REGULATION (EEC) OF THE COUNCIL  
amending Regulation (EEC) No 971/68 as regards  
the periods during which Grana Padano and  
Parmigiano-Reggiano cheeses may be offered for  
intervention

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(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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### Explanatory Memorandum

The purpose of the attached draft Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 971/68 laying down general rules for intervention on the market in Grana-padano and Parmigiano-Reggiano cheeses is to alter the periods during which the cheeses in question may be offered for intervention.

In the past these cheeses were marketed in lots comprising the entire production of one manufacturer. The manufacturers sold the cheeses to maturing plants when they were between three and nine months old.

In view of this practice, Article 1 (2) (b) of Regulation (EEC) No 971/68 provided that cheeses manufactured in the summer could be offered for intervention between 1 January and 31 March.

The considerable increase in interest rates has caused manufacturers of Grana/Parmesan-type cheeses to put their production on the market as soon as the cheeses are six months old and to abandon the traditional method of sale by lots.

The purpose of the proposed text is to adjust the intervention mechanism to take account of the new marketing conditions and to enable manufacturers of such cheeses to offer them for intervention as soon as they are six months old. It is therefore proposed that the period during which the cheeses may be offered for intervention extend from 1 October to 15 May of the following year.

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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 804/68 <sup>(1)</sup> of 27 June 1968 on the common organization of the market in milk and milk products, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 662/74 <sup>(2)</sup>, and in particular Article 8 (4) thereof ;

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission ;

Whereas Article 1 (2) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 971/68 <sup>(3)</sup> of 15 July 1968 laying down general rules for intervention on the market in Grana Padano and Parmigiano Reggiano cheeses, as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1211/69 <sup>(4)</sup>, determines inter alia the period during which cheeses manufactured in summer may be offered for intervention ;

Whereas, in view of the changes which have occurred in production, maturing techniques and marketing this period should be extended to enable intervention to be effected when the cheeses are six months old ;

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

Article 1(2)(b) of Regulation (EEC) No 971/68 is amended to read as follows :

"b) Grana-Padano and Parmigiano-Reggiano cheeses are manufactured between 1 April and 11 November of the same year and offered for intervention at a minimum age of six months between 1 October and 15 May of the following year."

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(1) OJ No L 148, 28.6.1968, p. 13  
(2) OJ No L 85, 29.3.1974, p. 51  
(3) OJ No L 166, 17.7.1968, p. 8  
(4) OJ No L 155, 28.6.1969, p. 13

Article 2

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

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

Done at Brussels,

For the Council