

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Proposal for a

REGULATION (EEC) OF THE COUNCIL

amending Regulation (EEC) No 804/58 as regards
the conditions for the granting of aid for the
private storage of Grana Padano and Parmigiano
Reggiano cheeses

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

Explanatory Memorandum

The purpose of this draft Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 804/68 on the common organization of the market in milk and milk products is to alter the minimum age at which Grana-padano and Parnigiano-Reggiano cheeses may be the subject matter of a private storage contract.

An improvement in the quality of the milk used for making cheese and developments in manufacturing techniques mean that cheeses can now be matured more quickly.

The proposed text enables the Community rules on private storage, which date from 1968, to be adapted to take account of this situation.

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Articles 42 and 43 thereof;

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission;

Having regard to the Opinion of the European Parliament;

Whereas Article 8(3) of Regulation (EEC) No 804/68⁽¹⁾ 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⁽²⁾, makes the granting of aid for the private storage of Grana Padano and Parmigiano Reggiano cheeses subject to certain conditions as to maturity;

Whereas, in view of the changes which have occurred in production and maturing techniques, the stipulated minimum age should be lowered;

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The provisions of Article 8(3)(a) and (b) of Regulation (EEC) No 804/68 are amended to read as follows :

- "(a) Grana Padano cheese at least 9 months old;
- (b) Parmigiano Reggiano cheese at least 15 months old;"

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

(1) OJ No L 148, 28. 6.1968, p. 13

(2) OJ No L 85, 29. 3.1974, p. 51