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BRUXELLES, LE 1 DECEMBRE 1982 NOTE BIO COM(82)510 AUX BUREAUX NATIONAUX C.C. AUX MEMBRES DU GROUPE DU PORTE-PAROLE REUNION DE LA COMMISSION DU 1.12.1982 BUTTER EXPORTS :

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IN VIEW OF THE MARKET SITUATION, THE COMMISSION HAS DECIDED TO OPEN TENDERS FOR THE SALE OF UP TO 25,000 TONNES OF BUTTER FROM STOCK.

UP TO 12,500 TONNES WILL COME FROM PUBLIC INTERVENTION STOCKS (9 MONTHS OLD) AND UP TO 12,500 TONNES FROM PRIVATELY HELD STOCKS UNDER THE COMMUNITY STORAGE AID SCHEME. THE TENDERS WILL BE FORMALLY OPENED AND PUBLISHED IN THE OFFICIAL JOURNAL AFTER THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE HAS BEEN CONSULTED UNDER THE NORMAL PROCEDURE.

UNDER THE TERMS OF THE PROPOSED TENDERS, THE COMMISSION ITSELF WILL DECIDE IN DUE TIME WHICH OFFERS TO ACCEPT. THIS WILL ENABLE IT TO CONTROL THE TIMING, QUANTITY AND PRICE OF ANY SALES, AS WELL AS THE DESTINATION WHICH MUST BE MENTIONED IN THE TENDER AND ADHERED TO.

BY PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF BUTTER FROM BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE STOCKS, THE COMMISSION INTENDS TO ENSURE THE WIDEST POSSIBLE ACCESS FOR OPERATORS THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY.

ON 3 NOVEMBER, THE COMMISSION DECIDED THAT IT WAS ''NO LONGER NECESSARY TO EXCLUDE BUTTER FROM THE RANGE OF FOODSTUFFS CURRENTLY EXPORTED TO THE SOVIET UNION. IMPLEMENTATION WILL DEPEND ON THE COMMERCIAL SITUATION ON THE BUTTER MARKET ''.

SINCE THAT DECISION, PUBLIC STOCKS HAVE RISEN BY MORE THAN 300/0 AND NOW STAND AT 100.000 TONNES. THEY ARE STILL RISING AND - DESPITE THE DECISION ON THE SUBSIDISED SALE OF 120,000 TONNES OF CHRISTMAS BUTTER AND THE INCREASED SUBSIDY ON SALES OF SOCIAL BUTTER - COULD EXCEED 120,000 TONNES BY THE END OF THE YEAR. PUBLICKLY AIDED PRIVATE STOCKS CURRENTLY STAND AT 286,000 TONNES (1).

(1) THE COMMUNITY SYSTEM OF PRIVATE STORAGE AIDS IS DESIGNED TO ENCOURAGE OPERATORS TO DISPOSE OF THEIR STOCKS BY THE BEGINNING OF THE MARKETING STOCKS. IF THE MARKET CANNOT ABSORB THESE QUANTITIES, PUBLIC INTERVENTION STOCKS WILL CONSEQUENTLY RISE. AMITIES

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