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Notice To Traders 16/2016

Intervention: Skimmed Milk Powder (SMP) and Butter

1. Introduction

This notice is an update of the current situation with regard to Intervention Purchase of SMP and Butter.

2. Background

The Council has acknowledged the dairy market position and agreed to increase the maximum ceiling for fixed price offers of SMP and Butter across the EU in 2016.

3. SMP

With effect from 20 April 2016 the maximum ceiling has been increased to 218k Tonnes.

The existing tendering arrangements will end on 20 April 2015. Applications for buying in will revert to the usual method of submitting applications in accordance with Commission Regulation (EU) 1272/2009.

4. Butter

With effect from 20 April 2016 the maximum ceiling has been increased to 100K Tonnes.

5. Regulatory Background

The applicable regulations (as amended) are:

Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council;

Council Regulation (EU) 1370/2013

Commission Regulation (EU) 1272/2009, as regards the buying-in and selling of agricultural products under Public Intervention.

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 591/2016 published in Official Journal L103.

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 606/2016 published in Official Journal L104.

You can access the Official Journals electronically by visiting the Commission's website <http://www.eur-lex.europa.eu/en/index.htm>. We are not responsible for the accuracy or completeness of the Europa website. While every care has been taken in producing this guidance, the regulations as published are definitive.

8. Questions

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