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ANNEX I

Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 826/2008 is amended as follows:

(1) Part II and Part III are replaced by the following:

"II. Cheese with PDO/PGI

Private storage aid shall be granted only for cheese benefiting from a protected designation of origin (PDO) or from a protected geographical indication(PGI) which on the day when the storage contract commences has a minimum age corresponding to the period of maturation laid down in the product specification referred to in Article 7 of Regulation (EU) No 1151/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council* for that cheese as it will be marketed after the storage under contract increased by the maturing period beyond this period that contributes to increasing the value of the cheese.

Where a period of maturation is not laid down in the product specification referred to in Article 7 of Regulation (EU) No 1151/2012¹, the cheese should on the day when the storage contract starts have a minimum age corresponding to the period of maturation that contributes to increasing the value of the cheese.

Furthermore, the cheese shall comply with the following requirements:

- (a) each lot weighs at least one tonne;
- (b) it is indelibly marked with an indication, which may be encoded, of the undertaking in which it was manufactured and with the date of manufacture;
- (c) it bears the date of entry into storage;
- (d) it is stored as whole cheese in the Member State where the cheese is produced and in which it qualifies to bear the protected designation of origin or protected geographical indication under Regulation (EU) No 1151/2012; and
- (e) it has not been the subject of a previous storage contract.

Member States may waive the obligation to indicate the date of entry into store on the cheese provided that the store manager undertakes to keep a register in which the particulars referred to in the second paragraph under (b) are entered on the date of entry into store.

III. Butter

Private storage aid shall be granted only for butter:

(a) produced from cream obtained directly and exclusively from cow's milk of a minimum milkfat content, by weight, of 80 %, a maximum milk solids-non-fat content, by weight, of 2 % and a maximum water content, by weight, of 16 %;

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Regulation (EU) No 1151/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 November 2012 on quality schemes for agricultural products and foodstuffs (OJ L 343, 14.12.2012, p. 1.

- (b) produced during the 60 days preceding the day of application or the day of submission of the tender; and
- (c) for which minimum quantity for applications or tenders for aid is of 10 tonnes.

The packaging of the butter shall show at least the following particulars, which may be encoded, where appropriate:

- (a) the number identifying the factory and the Member State of production;
- (b) the date of production;
- (c) the date of entry into storage;
- (d) the production batch number;
- (e) the net weight.

Member States may waive the obligation to indicate the date of entry into store on the packaging provided that the store manager undertakes to keep a register in which the particulars referred to in the second paragraph are entered on the date of entry into store.

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(2) New Parts V and VI are added:

"V. Skimmed milk powder

Private storage aid shall be granted only for skimmed milk powder made from cow's milk which:

- (a) contains no more than 1,5 % fat and 5 % water and has a protein content of the non-fat dry matter of at least 34 %;
- (b) has been produced during the 60 days preceding the day of application or the day of submission of the tender;
- (c) is stored in bags with a net content of 25kg or in "big bags" weighing no more than 1 500 kg showing at least the following particulars, which may be encoded, where appropriate:
 - (i) the number identifying the factory and the Member State of production;
 - (ii) the date of production;
 - (iii) the date of entry into storage;
 - (iv) the production batch number;
 - (v) the net weight; and
- (d) for which minimum quantity for applications or tenders for aid is of 10 tonnes.

Member States may waive the obligation to indicate the date of entry into store on the packaging provided that the store manager undertakes to keep a register in which the particulars referred to in the first paragraph are entered on the date of entry into store.

VI. Long Flax Fibre

Private storage aid shall be granted only for long flax fibre obtained by complete separation of the fibres and the woody parts of the stalk that are at least 50 cm long on average after scutching and are arranged in parallel strands in bundles, sheets or slivers and for which the minimum quantity for applications or tenders for aid is of 2000 kg.

Long flax fibres shall be stored in bales on which may be encoded, where appropriate:

- (a) the number identifying the factory and the Member State of production;
- (b) the date of entry into storage;
- (c) the net weight."

ANNEX II

Butter has to be produced from cream obtained directly and exclusively from cow's milk produced in the Union. Skimmed milk powder has to be made from cow's milk produced in the Union.

Compliance with the first paragraph can be substantiated by proof that the butter or skimmed milk powder was produced in an undertaking approved in accordance with point 1(a), (b) and (c) of Part III of Annex IV to Commission Regulation (EU) No 1272/2009² which is subject to checks verifying the requirements referred to in the first paragraph, or by another appropriate proof testifying compliance with the first paragraph.

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² Commission Regulation (EU) No 1272/2009 of 11 December 2009 laying down common detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 as regards buying-in and selling of agricultural products under public intervention (OJ L 349, 29.12.2009, p. 1).