Supply of food from intervention stocks: distribution to the most deprived persons in the Community

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- OBJECTVE: within the framework of the system for the supply of food to the most deprived persons, to provide for the possibility of mobilizing the products concerned on the Community market, in the event of the temporary unavailability of certain basic products in the intervention stocks. - COMMUNITY MEASURE: Council Regulation (EC) No 2535/95 amending Regulation (EEC) No 3730/87 laying down general rules which apply to the system of providing certain organisations with food obtained from intervention stocks and intended for distribution to the most deprived persons in the Community. - SUBSTANCE: the system for the supply of food to the most deprived persons in the Community is based on the supply of food from intervention stocks. The current trend towards a reduction in public stocks (due in particular to a greater control of the market and a better adaptation of production to need) may prevent the implementation of the overall annual food supply plan for the next operating year, which commences on 01.10.1995. For this reason, the Commission has decided, by way of the present regulation, to introduce, as a relay measure, the mobilization on the Community market of those products which are temporarily unavailable in the stocks of the intervention bodies. The "relay" system involves purchasing certain products under certain conditions: the use of intervention stocks therefore continues to form the basis of the system and the recourse to mobilization on the market, which is limited to certain products, to certain periods of unavailability and to certain condition, serves as a "relay" instrument. At the same time, and in order to ensure that the system is managed correctly, it was also proposed that this relay-measure would be introduced when the implementation of the annual supply plan involved the transfer of small quantities of intervention products between Member States, in view of the geographical location of the public stocks held in the Community. The system also provides that when bovine meat is unavailable in intervention stocks, purchases can also be made on the Community market by mobilizing any other meat-based product. This system can only be applied to the adoption and implementation of the food supply plan for deprived persons and must be introduced within the framework of the appropriations entered under the Community budget. The conditions of implementation are defined in accordance with the procedure indicated by the management committee. - ENTRY INTO FORCE: the regulation enters into force on 03.11.1995, but is applicable from 01.10.1995.