The following notification, dated 22 April 1986, has been received by the Chairman of the Committee of the Protocol Regarding Milk Fat and by the secretariat from the Permanent Delegation of the Commission of the European Communities.

Subject: Notification under paragraph 1 of the Decision adopted on 31 May 1985 by the Committee of the Protocol Regarding Milk Fat (DPC/F/35).

The notification hereunder is communicated by the European Economic Community for the information of the participants to the International Dairy Arrangement:

"At the meeting of the Committee of the Protocol Regarding Milk Fat on 17/18 March 1986, and in accordance with paragraph 1 of the Decision adopted on 31 May 1985 by the Committee of the Protocol Regarding Milk Fat (derogation under Article 7:1), the Community notified Commission Regulation (EEC) No. 765/86 of 14 March 1986 laying down detailed rules for the sale of butter from intervention stock for export to certain destinations. Further to that notification, the Community is in a position to transmit the following details:

The Commission of the European Communities has just decided, in pursuance of Regulation (EEC) No. 765/86, to accept tenders for a sale of butter from public storage which is not less than 18 months old in an amount of 100,000 tons, of which 80 per cent is acid-cream butter, not salted, with a fat content of not less than 82 per cent, and 20 per cent is sweet-cream butter, salted, with a fat content of not less than 80 per cent.

The f.o.b. selling price will be below the minimum price of US$1,000/ton."
Delivery will be spread over the period from April 1986 until the end of November 1986.

The sole destination is the Soviet Union.

An option of 50,000 tons of additional butter is envisaged in context of this operation. The decision on this option will be made at a later date.