COMMISSION DECISION

of 19 December 1974

on the sale of preserved beef to certain categories of consumer

(75/28/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community;

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 805/68 (1) of 27 June 1968 on the common organization of the market in beef and veal, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1855/74 (2), and in particular Articles 7 (3) and 22a (3) thereof;

Whereas Council Regulation (EEC) No 1856/74 (3) of 16 July 1974 authorized the Member States to grant aids to enable certain categories of consumer to purchase beef at reduced prices; whereas the Commission Decision of 31 July 1974 (4) provided that such aids may be granted only in respect of fresh, chilled or frozen meat;

Whereas it has been found that there are technical difficulties in applying these measures in certain regions of the Community; whereas these difficulties can be overcome if Member States are authorized to grant aids also for the purchase of preserved meat;

Whereas the processing into preserved products of meat bought-in in accordance with Article 6 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 805/68 is provided for, as part of the arrangements for intervention on the market in beef, in Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1295/74 (5) of 22 May 1974 on the processing of beef bought in by intervention agencies, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2777/74 (6);

Whereas, in order to make it easier to carry out the action provided for in Regulation (EEC) No 1856/74 with a view to benefiting equally all consumers who receive social welfare benefits in a Member State which makes use of the authorization, provision should be made to enable the French Republic to obtain preserved beef; whereas to this end a specified quantity of preserved meat held by the French intervention agency should be released from storage at a price fixed in advance as provided in Commission Regulation (EEC) No 216/69 (7) of 4 February 1969 on detailed rules of application for the disposal of frozen beef and veal bought in by intervention agencies;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the Opinion of the Management Committee for Beef and Veal,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Member States are hereby authorized to grant the aids provided for in the Commission Decision of 31 July 1974 in respect also of the sale of preserved meat obtained from intervention stocks.

Article 2

1. For the purposes of sale as provided in Article 1, there shall be made available to the French Republic at a price of 275·64 units of account per 100 kg, 336 metric tons of preserved meat held by the French intervention agency and satisfying the requirements of Article 3 (a) of Regulation (EEC) No 1295/74.

2. The provisions of Articles 1 to 5 and 15 of Regulation (EEC) No 216/69 shall apply.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 19 December 1974.

For the Commission

The President

François-Xavier ORTOLI

(1) OJ No L 148, 29. 6. 1968, p. 24.
(2) OJ No L 195, 18. 7. 1974, p. 14.
(3) OJ No L 195, 18. 7. 1974, p. 15.
(4) OJ No L 223, 13. 8. 1974, p. 15.
(5) OJ No L 140, 23. 5. 1974, p. 47.
(6) OJ No L 294, 1. 11. 1974, p. 72.
(7) OJ No L 28, 5. 2. 1969, p. 10.