COMMISSION DECISION

of 26 May 1994

amending Decision 88/479/EEC authorizing methods for grading pig carcases in Spain

(Only the Spanish text is authentic)

(94/337/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 3220/84 of 13 November 1984 determining the Community scale for grading pig carcases [1], as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 3513/93 [2], and in particular Article 5 (2) thereof,

Whereas, by Decision 88/479/EEC [3], the Commission authorized methods for grading pig carcases in Spain;

Whereas the Spanish Government has asked the Commission to authorize the use of a new formula for calculating the lean meat content of carcases in conjunction with one of the existing grading methods and has supplied the information required pursuant to Article 3 of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2967/85 [4]; whereas an examination of the request has shown that the conditions necessary for authorizing the new formula have been met;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Pigmeat,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Part 2 (3) of the Annex to Decision 88/479/EEC is hereby replaced by the following:

'3. The lean meat content of the carcase shall be calculated according to the following formula:

$$\hat{y} = 61{,}56 + (-0{,}878\ x_1) + (0{,}157\ x_2)$$

where:

$\hat{y}$ = the estimated percentage of lean meat in the carcase,

x_1 = the thickness of backfat (including rind) in millimetres, measured at six centimetres off the midline of the carcase, between the third and fourth last ribs,

x_2 = the thickness of muscle in millimetres, measured at the same time and in the same place as x_1.

The formula shall be valid for carcases weighing between 50 and 110 kilograms.'

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Kingdom of Spain.

Done at Brussels, 26 May 1994.

For the Commission

René STEICHEN

Member of the Commission

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[1] OJ No L 301, 20. 11. 1984, p. 1.
[2] OJ No L 320, 22. 12. 1993, p. 5.
[3] OJ No L 234, 24. 8. 1988, p. 20.
[4] OJ No L 285, 25. 10. 1985, p. 39.