COMMISSION DECISION

of 6 July 1994

amending Decision 89/471/EEC authorizing methods for grading pig carcases in Germany

(Only the German text is authentic)

(94/459/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 (EC) No 3513/93 [2], and in particular Article 5 (2) thereof,

Whereas the Commission, by Decision 89/471/EEC [3], as last amended by Decision 91/88/EEC [4], has authorized methods for grading pig carcases in Germany;

Whereas the Government of Germany has requested the Commission to authorize the application of a new formula for the calculation of the lean meat content of carcases in the framework of the grading methods provided for in Decision 89/471/EEC; whereas it is appropriate to apply the new formula from 1 July 1994, date of entering into force of the amendments introduced to Regulation (EEC) No 3220/84;

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

Decision 89/471/EEC is hereby amended as follows:

Point 2 of Part 1 of the Annex is replaced by the following:

'2. The lean meat content of the carcase is calculated on the basis of the following formula:

$$\hat{y} = 54{,}139 - 0{,}71062\ x_1 + 0{,}21842\ x_2$$

where

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

x_1 = the thickness of backfat (including rind) in millimetres, measured at 7 cm off the midline of the split carcase, between the second and third last ribs;

x_2 = the thickness of the 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 120 kilograms.'

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Federal Republic of Germany.

It shall apply from 1 July 1994

Done at Brussels, 6 July 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 233, 10. 8. 1989, p. 30.
[4] OJ No L 49, 22. 2. 1991, p. 30.