COMMISSION DECISION

of 20 December 1995

on import licences in respect of beef and veal products originating in Botswana, Kenya, Madagascar, Swaziland, Zimbabwe and Namibia

(96/39/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 715/90 of 5 March 1990 on the arrangements applicable to agricultural products and certain goods resulting from the processing of agricultural products originating in the ACP States or in the overseas countries and territories (OCT) [1], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2484/94 [2], and in particular Article 27 thereof,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1636/95 of 5 July 1995 temporarily adapting the special import arrangements in the beef sector provided for in Regulation (EEC) No 715/90 with the view to the implementation of the Agreement on Agriculture concluded during the Uruguay Round of multilateral trade negotiations [3], and in particular Article 4 thereof,

Whereas Article 1 of Regulation (EC) No 1636/95 provides for the possibility of issuing import licences for beef and veal products; whereas, however, imports must take place within the limits of the quantities specified for each of these exporting third countries;

Whereas the applications for import licences submitted between 1 and 10 December 1995, expressed in terms of boned meat, in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1636/95, do not exceed, in respect of products originating from Botswana, Kenya, Madagascar, Swaziland, Zimbabwe and Namibia the quantities available from these States; whereas it is therefore possible to issue import licences in respect of the quantities requested;

Whereas the quantities in respect of which licences may be applied for from 1 January 1996, should be fixed within the scope of the total quantity of 39 100 tonnes;

Whereas it seems expedient to recall that this Decision is without prejudice to Council Directive 72/462/EEC of 12 December 1972 on health and veterinary inspection problems upon importation of bovine, ovine and caprine animals and swine, fresh meat or meat products from third countries [4], as last amended by the Act of Accession of Austria, Finland and Sweden,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The following Member States shall issue on 21 December 1995 import licences for beef and veal products, expressed as boned meat, originating in certain African, Caribbean and Pacific States, in respect of the following quantities and countries of origin:

Germany:

— 100,000 tonnes originating in Botswana,

— 90,000 tonnes originating in Madagascar;

Italy:

— 210,000 tonnes originating in Madagascar;

United Kingdom:

— 100,000 tonnes originating in Botswana,

— 100,000 tonnes originating in Swaziland,

— 224,760 tonnes originating in Zimbabwe,

— 100,000 tonnes originating in Namibia.

[1] OJ No L 84, 30. 3. 1990, p. 85.
[2] OJ No L 265, 15. 10. 1994, p. 3.
[3] OJ No L 155, 6. 7. 1995, p. 25.
[4] OJ No L 302, 31. 12. 1972, p. 28.

Article 2

Licence applications may be submitted, pursuant to Article 3 (3) of Regulation (EC) No 1636/95 during the first 10 days of January 1996 for the following quantities of boned beef and veal :

— Botswana : 18 916 tonnes,
— Kenya : 142 tonnes,
— Madagascar : 7 579 tonnes,
— Swaziland : 3 363 tonnes,
— Zimbabwe : 9 100 tonnes.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 20 December 1995.

For the Commission
Franz FISCHLER
Member of the Commission