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COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 18 April 1997

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

(97/286/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 African, Caribbean and Pacific States (ACP) or in the overseas countries and territories (OCT) [1], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 619/96 [2], and in particular Article 27 thereof,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 589/96 of 2 April 1996 laying down detailed rules for the application in the beef and veal sector of Council Regulation (EEC) No 715/90 on the arrangements applicable to agricultural products and certain goods resulting from the processing of agricultural products originating in the African, Caribbean and Pacific States or in the overseas countries and territories [3], in particular Article 4 thereof,

Whereas Article 1 of Regulation (EC) No 589/96 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 non-member countries;

Whereas the applications for import licences submitted between 1 and 10 April 1997, expressed in terms of boned meat, in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 589/96, do not exceed, in respect of products originating in 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 May 1997, should be fixed within the scope of the total quantity of 52 100 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 on 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 April 1997 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:

[1] OJ No L 84, 30. 3. 1990, p. 85.
[2] OJ No L 89, 10. 4. 1996, p. 1.
[3] OJ No L 84, 3. 4. 1996, p. 22.
[4] OJ No L 302, 31. 12. 1972, p. 28.

Germany:

— 50 tonnes originating in Botswana,

— 60 tonnes originating in Madagascar,

United Kingdom:

— 1 500 tonnes originating in Botswana,

— 700 tonnes originating in Zimbabwe,

— 400 tonnes originating in Namibia.

Article 2

Licence applications may be submitted, pursuant to Article 3 (3) of Regulation (EC) No 589/96 during the first 10 days of May 1997 for the following quantities of boned beef and veal:

— Botswana: 15 106 tonnes,
— Kenya: 142 tonnes,
— Madagascar: 7 369 tonnes,
— Swaziland: 3 263 tonnes,
— Zimbabwe: 7 833 tonnes,
— Namibia: 11 400 tonnes.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 18 April 1997.

For the Commission

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