COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 10 July 1997

amending Decision 97/28/EC authorizing a method for grading pig carcases in France

(Only the French text is authentic)

(97/473/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 Commission Decision 97/28/EC [3] authorizes a method for grading pig carcases in France;

Whereas Decision 97/28/EC contains a derogation as regards the standard quality of pig carcase; whereas the French authorities have informed the Commission that this derogation is no longer necessary, although the possibility of presenting carcases with or without tongue should be maintained; whereas, as a result, that Decision should be amended;

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

Article 2 of Decision 97/28/EC is hereby replaced by the following:

'Article 2

Notwithstanding the standard presentation referred to in Article 2 of Regulation (EEC) No 3220/84, pig carcases may be presented with the tongue during weighing and grading. In such cases, in order to establish quotations for pig carcases on a comparable basis, the recorded warm weight shall be reduced by 0,5 %.'

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the French Republic.

Done at Brussels, 10 July 1997.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

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 12, 15. 1. 1997, p. 30.