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REGULATION (EEC) No 1795/71 OF THE COMMISSION

of 17 August 1971

amending Regulation (EEC) No 1097/68 as regards storage conditions and the definition of forequarters and hindquarters of adult bovine animals

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community;

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 805/68[1] of 27 June 1968 on the common organisation of the market in beef and veal, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1261/71,[2] and in particular Article 6 (4) thereof;

Whereas Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1097/68[3] of 27 July 1968, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1536/71,[4] laid down detailed rules for the application of intervention measures on the market in beef and veal;

Whereas in order that intervention measures may be carried out as efficiently as possible, it is necessary to ensure that losses sustained during cold storage are as low as possible and that the quality of the products bought in by intervention agencies is maintained, as far as possible, even during a relatively long storage period;

Whereas it is therefore necessary to adopt Community measures on refrigeration and storage temperatures and on packing;

Whereas the requirements that meat should satisfy to qualify for intervention measures were laid down in Annex II to Regulation (EEC) No 1097/68; whereas the definition of certain cuts of forequarters and hindquarters has proved to be too restrictive and does not in every case take account of commercial practice; whereas it is therefore necessary to allow other cuts;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the Opinion of the Management Committee for Beef and Veal;

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The following shall be substituted for Article 4 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 1097/68:

'2. Member States shall take all measures necessary to ensure the satisfactory preservation of the stored products. The refrigeration temperature shall not exceed minus 30 °C so that an internal temperature not exceeding minus 7 °C may be obtained. The storage temperature shall not exceed minus 17 °C.'

Meat in quarters shall be wrapped after refrigeration in polythene or a like material, at least 0·05 mm thick, suitable for wrapping food products.'

Article 2

The following shall be substituted for item 1 (b) and (c) of Annex II to Regulation (EEC) No 1097/68:

'(b) Forequarters:

— cut from the carcase after cooling off;

— 10- or 8-rib straight cut; or 5- or 7-rib cut with the skirt included in the forequarter;

(c) Hindquarters:

— cut from the carcase after cooling off;

— 3- or 5-rib straight cut; or 6- or 8-rib cut known as pistola.'

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities.*

[1] OJ No L 148, 28.6.1968, p. 24.
[2] OJ No L 132, 18.6.1971, p. 1.
[3] OJ No L 184, 29.7.1968, p. 5.
[4] OJ No L 162, 20.7.1971, p. 25.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 17 August 1971.

For the Commission

The President

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