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REGULATION (EEC) No 451/73 OF THE COMMISSION

of 31 January 1973

concerning the issue in the new Member States of licences entiteling to the special import arrangements referred to in Article 14 (3) (b) (bb) of Regulation (EEC) No 805/68 during the first quarter of 1973

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community;

Having regard to the Treaty [1] concerning the Accession of new Member States to the European Economic Community and the European Atomic Energy Community, signed at Brussels on 22 January 1972, and in particular Article 63 (1) of the Act [2] annexed thereto;

Whereas the estimate of meat intended for the processing industry has been established for the year 1973 and took into account the requirements of the new Member States;

Whereas account is taken of this estimate when issuing licences granting entitlement to the special import arrangements referred to in Article 14 (3) (b) (bb) of Regulation (EEC) No 805/68;

Whereas in accordance with Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2637/70 [3] of 22 December 1970 on special detailed rules for the application of the system of import and export licences and advance fixing certificates for agricultural products, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1524/72 [4], the licences are issued once each quarter on the twenty-first day of the first month of each quarter and are valid for 90 days from the date of issue;

Whereas upon a strict application of Community rules the new Member States would not be entitled to the benefit of a procedure affecting goods imported between 22 January and 23 April 1973 and benefiting traders in the Community as originally constituted;

Whereas as from 1 February 1973 traders in the new Member States should be treated on an equal footing with traders in the Community as originally constituted;

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

1. Traders in the new Member States may, as from the first quarter of the year 1973, benefit from the special import arrangements referred to in Article 14 (3) (b) (bb) provided the following conditions are complied with:

(a) applications for licences shall be lodged by the interested parties during the ten first days of January 1973;

(b) the amount of the security for licences fixed by Article 39 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 2637/70 shall be deposited;

(c) the competent national authorities shall inform the Commission by telex before 4.00 p.m. on 11 January 1973 of the applications lodged under (a).

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[1] OJ No L 73, 27. 3. 1972, p. 5.
[2] OJ No L 73, 27. 3. 1972, p. 28.
[3] OJ No L 283, 29. 12. 1970, p. 15.
[4] OJ No L 162, 18. 7. 1972, p. 15.

2. The licences granting entitlement to the special import arrangements shall be issued in the new Member States as from 1 February 1973 in accordance with Regulation (EEC) No 2637/70.

The licences shall be valid until 23 April 1973.

Article 2

The implementation of Article 1 shall be subject to the Commission ascertaining, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 28 of Regulation (EEC) No 805/68, that the conditions referred to in Article 1 above have been complied with.

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*. It shall apply from 1 February 1973.

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

Done at Brussels, 31 January 1973.

For the Commission

The President

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