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REGULATION (EEC) No 2507/74 OF THE COUNCIL

of 2 October 1974

amending Regulation (EEC) No 2108/70 determining the Community scale for grading pig carcases

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 43 thereof;

Having regard to Council Regulation No 121/67/EEC (1) of 13 June 1967 on the common organization of the market in pigmeat, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1652/73 (2), and in particular Articles 2 and 4 (5) thereof;

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission;

Having regard to the Opinion of the European Parliament;

Having regard to the Opinion of the Economic and Social Committee;

Whereas after the accession of the new Member States, the Community scale for grading pig carcases, provided for in Regulation (EEC) No 2108/70 (3), must be applied in all Member States;

Whereas the methods of measuring the relation between the content of fat and of lean meat in the carcase have undergone an important technical change during recent years; whereas it should therefore be possible to allow the Member States to apply other methods of measurement than those at present in practice in the Community originally constituted;

Whereas it is difficult to classify heavy pig carcases of commercial grade E (extra) by applying the existing scale; whereas it is appropriate to mitigate the grading differences between light and heavier carcases of the said grade;

Whereas in certain new Member States the methods of marketing pigmeat differ somewhat from those used in the Community as originally constituted; whereas in particular a relatively important number of pigs are slaughtered there at lighter weights (porkers); whereas for that reason the provision in these new Member States for a special weight category for those pigs slaughtered at a weight lower than 50 kg could be taken into consideration,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Article 1 of Regulation (EEC) No 2108/70 shall be amended as follows:

1. Paragraph 2 shall be replaced the following:

'2. Notwithstanding paragraph 1, Member States which so request may, in view of the characteristics of their pigmeat production, be authorized in accordance with the procedure provided for in Article 24 of Regulation No 121/67/EEC:

(a) to disregard weight categories of up to 60 kg;

(b) to replace:

— the weight categories for pig carcases of 90 kg and more in commercial grades I, II and III by a single weight category to include pig carcases of which the thickness of the back fat does not exceed:

in grade I: 35 mm,
in grade II: 40 mm,
in grade III: 45 mm;

— the weight categories for pig carcases of 80 kg and more in commercial grade E (extra) by a single weight category to include pig carcases of which the thickness of the back fat does not exceed 25 mm.'

(1) OJ No 117, 19. 6. 1967, p. 2283/67.
(2) OJ No L 166, 23. 6. 1973, p. 1.
(3) OJ No L 234, 23. 10. 1970, p. 1.

2. The following paragraph shall be added :

'3. Member States shall apply one of the two methods of grading pig carcases described in Annex II (B).'

Article 2

Annex I to Regulation (EEC) No 2108/70 shall be replaced by Annex I to this Regulation.

Article 3

Annex II to Regulation (EEC) No 2108/70 shall be replaced by Annex II to this Regulation.

Article 4

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

It shall apply as from 1 November 1974.

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

Done at Luxembourg, 2 October 1974.

For the Council

The President

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ANNEX I

Community scale for grading pig carcases

Commercial Grade	Subgrade	Carcase weight in kg	Thickness of back fat in mm	Description	Required meat content (%)
E extra	E AA	35 or more but less than 50	up to 12 inclusive	showing exceptional muscular development in all principal parts of the carcase	55 or more
		50 or more but less than 60	up to 15 inclusive		
		60 or more but less than 70	up to 15 inclusive		
		70 or more but less than 80	up to 20 inclusive		
		80 or more but less than 90	up to 25 inclusive		
		90 or more but less than 100	up to 30 inclusive		
		100 or more but less than 120	up to 35 inclusive		
		120 or more but less than 140	up to 45 inclusive		
		140 or more but less than 160	up to 50 inclusive		
		160 and over	up to 55 inclusive		
I very good proportion of meat	I A	35 or more but less than 50	up to 15 inclusive	showing very good muscular development in all principal parts of the carcase	50 or more
		50 or more but less than 60	up to 18 inclusive		
		60 or more but less than 70	up to 20 inclusive		
		70 or more but less than 80	up to 25 inclusive		
		80 or more but less than 90	up to 30 inclusive		
		90 or more but less than 100	up to 35 inclusive		
		100 or more but less than 120	up to 40 inclusive		
		120 or more but less than 140	up to 50 inclusive		
		140 or more but less than 160	up to 55 inclusive		
		160 and over	up to 60 inclusive		
II good proportion of meat	II A	35 or more but less than 50	up to 19 inclusive	showing good muscular development in all principal parts of the carcase	45 or more
		50 or more but less than 60	up to 22 inclusive		
		60 or more but less than 70	up to 25 inclusive		
		70 or more but less than 80	up to 30 inclusive		
		80 or more but less than 90	up to 35 inclusive		
		90 or more but less than 100	up to 40 inclusive		
		100 or more but less than 120	up to 45 inclusive		
		120 or more but less than 140	up to 55 inclusive		
		140 or more but less than 160	up to 65 inclusive		
		160 and over	up to 70 inclusive	or	
	I B	weight of carcase and thickness of backfat as for I ...		but defective in one principal part of the carcase	
III average proportion of meat	III A	35 or more but less than 50	up to 24 inclusive	showing average muscular development in all principal parts of the carcase	40 or more
		50 or more but less than 60	up to 27 inclusive		
		60 or more but less than 70	up to 30 inclusive		
		70 or more but less than 80	up to 35 inclusive		
		80 or more but less than 90	up to 40 inclusive		
		90 or more but less than 100	up to 45 inclusive		
		100 or more but less than 120	up to 50 inclusive		
		120 or more but less than 140	up to 60 inclusive		
		140 or more but less than 160	up to 70 inclusive		
		160 and over	up to 75 inclusive	or	
	II B	weight of carcase and thickness of backfat as for II ...		but defective in one principal part of the carcase or	
	I C	weight of carcase and thickness of backfat as for I ...		but defective in two principal parts of the carcase	
IV		all carcases not falling within the above grades			
S	1	sow carcases with a very good proportion of meat			
	2	other sow carcases			
V		boar carcases			

ANNEX II

Bases for grading pig carcases

A. *Definitions*

1. 'Carcases'

   Carcases, bled and drawn, whole or divided down the middle, without tongue, bristles, hooves or genital organs.

2. 'Sow carcases'

   Carcases of all weights of female domestic swine having farrowed at least once.

3. 'Boar carcases'

   Carcases of all weights of male domestic swine having been used for breeding.

4. 'Weight'

   Weight of carcase cold.

5. 'Lean meat content'

   The relationship between the weight of muscles obtained by total dissection of the carcase and the weight of this carcase.

B. *Pig carcases are graded:*

1. either by combining:

   — assessment of fatness arrived at by measuring the thickness of back fat in accordance with C 1 of this Annex in relation to the weight of the carcase, and

   — subjective assessment of the muscular development in the principal parts of the carcase, i.e. ham, loin, shoulder and belly;

2. or by estimating the lean meat content by measuring the thickness of the back fat off the mid-line in accordance with C 2 of this Annex and/or by means of other objective measurements.

C. *Thickness of back fat is measured:*

1. either on a split carcase, skin included, in the centre of the muscular mass at the level of the sacrum and at the level of the last rib; the greater thickness resulting from these two measurements being adopted;

2. or off the mid-line at the level of the last rib by a method which allows the back fat thickness to be determined in close correlation with that established by the method in 1.