REGULATION (EEC) No 2586/74 OF THE COMMISSION

of 10 October 1974

amending Regulation (EEC) No 2163/74 as regards the identification of meat from animals in respect of which the premium for the orderly marketing of certain adult bovine animals for slaughter has been granted

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 organization of the market in beef and veal, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1855/74 [2], and in particular Article 22a (3) thereof;

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1967/74 [3] of 23 July 1974 introducing a system of premiums for the orderly marketing of certain adult bovine animals for slaughter, and in particular Article 4 (2) thereof;

Whereas the first subparagraph of Article 6 (1) of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2163/74 [4] of 14 August 1974 laying down detailed rules for the application of the system of premiums for the orderly marketing of certain adult bovine animals for slaughter provides that beef and veal from slaughtered animals may be bought in by intervention agencies only if proof is furnished that such meat comes from an animal in respect of which no premium has been granted and that such proof must be established by the placing of a mark on meat from animals in respect of which a premium has been granted;

Whereas the implementation of such a marking system has caused some financial and technical difficulties in certain Member States; whereas it is therefore necessary to introduce an alternative system whereby the proof required under the first subparagraph of Article 6 (1) of the said Regulation may be furnished by a certificate declaring that the meat comes from animals in respect of which no premium has been granted;

Whereas such a system cannot ensure that meat from animals in respect of which a premium has been granted is not bought in by intervention agencies in other Member States; whereas it is therefore necessary to prohibit the buying-in by such intervention agencies of meat from animals slaughtered in Member States which do not mark such meat;

Whereas it is possible to identify the Member State in which the animals from which the meat comes were slaughtered since, under Article 3 of the Council Directive of 26 June 1964 [5] on health problems affecting intra-Community trade in fresh meat, as last amended by the Act of Accession [6], meat traded within the Community must be marked by the competent veterinary authority, with *inter alia* the name of the exporting country;

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. The text of the second subparagraph of Article 6 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 2163/74 is replaced by the following:

'Such proof shall be established:

(a) either by the marking at the time of slaughter of meat from animals in respect of which a premium has been granted, or

(b) by production of a certificate declaring that the meat comes from animals in respect of which no premium has been granted.'

2. The following paragraph is added to Article 6 of Regulation (EEC) No 2163/74:

'3. Beef and veal from animals slaughtered in a Member State which applies the system of premiums introduced by Regulation (EEC) No 1967/74 but which does not operate a system of marking as provided for in point (a) of the second subparagraph of paragraph 1 may not be bought in by intervention agencies in other Member States.'

Article 2

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

(1) OJ No L 148, 28. 6. 1968, p. 24.
(2) OJ No L 195, 18. 7. 1974, p. 14.
(3) OJ No L 206, 27. 7. 1974, p. 1.
(4) OJ No L 226, 15. 8. 1974, p. 30.
(5) OJ No L 121, 29. 7. 1964, p. 2012/64.
(6) OJ No L 73, 27. 3. 1972, p. 36.

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

Done at Brussels, 10 October 1974.

For the Commission

The President

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