# REGULATION (EEC) No 2668/74 OF THE COMMISSION

## of 21 October 1974

## temporarily suspending the issue of import licences and advance fixing certificates for beef and veal

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 21 (2) thereof;

Whereas Council Regulation (EEC) No 1846/74 (3) of 16 July 1974 suspended until 31 October 1974 the issue of import licences and advance fixing certificates for beef and veal, given that the prices of beef and veal on representative Community markets are markedly lower than the intervention price; whereas the intervention machinery does not permit this situation to be remedied at short notice;

Whereas, if imports of beef and veal were resumed as from 1 November 1974, this would appreciably worsen the situation on the Community beef and veal market; whereas the quantities which are likely to be imported in the near future would prevent, in particular when the animals are brought in from pasture, the stabilizing of the market and the return to a situation where prices were guaranteed, in particular by the intervention system;

Whereas the Commission, having undertaken a detailed examination of the situation on the beef and veal market, has established that that market will continue to be threatened in the coming months by serious disturbances, a result of imports, which are likely to jeopardize the objectives of Article 39 of the Treaty;

Whereas, in these circumstances, the temporary suspension of the issue of import licences and advance fixing certificates for beef and veal should be maintained until import patterns have been re-established and adjusted to market trends;

Whereas it is also necessary to continue to suspend the application of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1790/74 (4) of 9 July 1974 linking the importation of beef and veal to the sale of meat held by the intervention agencies,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

*Article 1*

The issue of import licences and advance fixing certificates for the products referred to under (a) in Article 1 of Regulation (EEC) No 805/68 shall be suspended.

*Article 2*

This Regulation shall be without prejudice to imports effected under Community tariff quotas for bulls, heifers and cows, other than those intended for slaughter, of certain alpine and mountain breeds, and for frozen beef and veal.

*Article 3*

1. The application of Regulation (EEC) No 1790/74 shall be suspended.

2. Contracts of sale in respect of meat held by the intervention agencies concluded during the period of application of this Regulation shall not give entitlement to the linked sales laid down in Regulation (EEC) No 1790/74.

3. Article 3 of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2073/74 (5) of 5 August 1974 concerning the sale at prices fixed in advance at a standard rate of beef and veal held by the intervention agencies is hereby repealed.

*Article 4*

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 November 1974.

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

Done at Brussels, 21 October 1974.

*For the Commission*

*The President*

François-Xavier ORTOLI

(1) OJ No L 148, 28. 6. 1968, p. 24.
(2) OJ No L 195, 18. 7. 1974, p. 14.
(3) OJ No L 194, 17. 7. 1974, p. 8.
(4) OJ No L 187, 11. 7. 1974, p. 21.
(5) OJ No L 216, 7. 8. 1974, p. 11.