REGULATION (EEC) No 2778/74 OF THE COMMISSION

of 31 October 1974

on the granting at a standard rate fixed in advance of private storage aid for beef

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 Articles 6 (5) (b) and 8 (2) thereof;

Whereas Article 6 (3) of Regulation (EEC) No 805/68 provides that intervention measures shall be taken for the whole of the Community when the price for adult bovine animals as recorded on representative Community markets in accordance with Article 10 of the same Regulation is lower than 93 % of the guide price; whereas this condition is fulfilled at present in the Community;

Whereas in the present state of the market it appears appropriate to permit the granting of private storage aid;

Whereas in order to facilitate storage operations it appears appropriate to adapt certain conditions laid down in Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1071/68 (3) of 25 July 1968 laying down detailed rules for granting private storage aid for beef and veal, and in particular those concerning the security required and the time elapsing between slaughtering and placing in private storage;

Whereas Article 3 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 989/68 (4) of 15 July 1968 laying down general rules for granting private storage aid for beef and veal provides that a decrease or an increase of the storage period can be decided on if the market situation calls for it; whereas it is therefore appropriate to fix, in addition to the amounts of aid for a specified storage period, amounts to be deducted where this period is shortened;

Whereas, in order to avoid financing normal private storage, it appears desirable to specify a high minimum quantity;

Whereas it is desirable having regard to the present abundance of beef and veal on the Community market to allow the products stored to be exported before the expiry of the storage period, subject to a provision for a minimum period of storage;

Whereas the amount of the security required should be such as to oblige the storer to fulfil the obligations undertaken by him, while at the same time enabling part of the aid to be paid as an advance once storing is completed;

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. Private storage aid shall be granted for the products specified in the Annex hereto. The amount of such aid per metric ton exclusive of packaging shall be as shown in the said Annex.

2. If the period of storage is shortened, the amount of aid shall be adjusted. The amount to be deducted is given in column 6 of the Annex.

Article 2

Only carcases, half-carcases and compensated quarters (bone-in) shall be eligible for private storage aid.

The minimum quantity per contract shall be 75 metric tons.

Article 3

The contractor may before placing in store cut and bone all or part of the bone-in beef provided that all the meat resulting from such boning or cutting operation remains in cold storage for the full term of the contract. This obligation shall be considered fulfilled if for 100 kilogrammes of bone-in meat at least 77 kilogrammes of boneless meat is placed in store.

Article 4

1. No aid shall be payable unless the meat remains in store for the whole of the storage period.

2. Provided that the contractor may, prior to the termination of the storage period, withdraw from the cold-store all or part of the quantity of beef for which he has contracted, on condition that the quantity so withdrawn shall have remained in store for at least

(1) OJ No L 148, 28. 6. 1968, p. 24.
(2) OJ No L 195, 18. 7. 1974, p. 14.
(3) OJ No L 180, 26. 7. 1968, p. 19.
(4) OJ No L 169, 18. 7. 1968, p. 10.

two months and is, within five working days of such withdrawal, exported from the Community.

In this case, the contractor must furnish proof that the meat has left the geographical territory of the Community. Such proof shall be furnished in the same way as for the purposes of export refunds.

The amount of aid shall be reduced as provided in Article 1 (2), the day of withdrawal from the cold-store being regarded as the last day of storage.

3. The contractor shall inform the intervention agency at least two days before beginning withdrawal of the meat from the cold-store, indicating the products and the quantity which he intends to export.

Article 5

By way of derogation from Article 2 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 1071/68, private storage aid may be granted only for products obtained from animals slaughtered not more than ten days previously.

Article 6

Storing must be completed within 60 days following the conclusion of the contract.

The storage period shall begin on the day on which storing is completed.

Article 7

1. The amount of the security required shall be equal to 40 % of the relevant amount of aid as specified in the Annex.

2. In cases of *force majeure,* the intervention agency shall take such action as it considers necessary having regard to the circumstances invoked.

The intervention agency shall inform the Commission of each case of *force majeure* and of the action taken in respect thereof.

Article 8

When the meat has been placed in store in accordance with the contract, the intervention agency shall, at the request of the recipient, pay an advance in respect of the aid equal to 90 % of the deposit lodged.

The aid, which shall be payable at the request of the recipient, shall be paid at the latest on the fifteenth day following the ascertainment by the competent authorities that the obligations of the contract have been fulfilled.

Article 9

This Regulation shall enter into force on 4 November 1974.

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

Done at Brussels, 31 October 1974.

For the Commission

The President

François-Xavier ORTOLI

ANNEX

CCT heading No	Products for which aid is payable	Amount of aid in u.a./metric ton for a storage period of			Amount in u.a./metric ton to be deducted per day
		4 months	5 months	6 months	
1	2	3	4	5	6
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