REGULATION (EEC) No 647/74 OF THE COMMISSION

of 22 March 1974

on the intervention measures to be taken in respect of beef and veal following the introduction of measures to prevent the spread of foot-and-mouth disease

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 187/73 [2], and in particular Articles 6 (4), 23 and 25 thereof;

Whereas an outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease has occurred in France prompting the adoption of the Commission Decision of 18 March 1974 [3] concerning certain measures to prevent the spread of foot-and-mouth disease; whereas in the French départements affected the stamping of meat with health marks and the issue of health certificates, as required under Article 3 (1) (A) (e) and (f) of the Council Directive of 26 June 1964 [4] on health problems affecting intra-Community trade in fresh meat, as last amended by the Act of Accession [5], are no longer authorized;

Whereas such meat no longer satisfies the requirements for buying-in by intervention agencies laid down in Article 7 of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1896/73 [6] of 13 July 1973 on detailed rules for the application of intervention measures on the market in beef and veal, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 3119/73 [7]; whereas, in order to avert consequences incompatible with the principles of price guarantees afforded beef and veal producers by the intervention system, provision should be made to enable such meat to be bought-in, while still maintaining the safeguards necessary to prevent contamination of healthy animals and to ensure that the meat concerned can be readily indentified so that it may be removed from storage separately;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the Management Committee for Beef and Veal,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

During such time as the measures to prevent the spread of foot-and-mouth disease provided for in the Commission Decision of 18 March 1974 are in force, and by way of derogation from Article 7 (1) (b) of Regulation (EEC) No 1896/73, intervention agencies shall also buy-in meat from the parts of the French territory specified in that Decision which does not satisfy the requirements laid down in Article 3 (1) (A) (e) and (f) on the Directive on health problems affecting intra-Community trade in fresh meat but which bears a distinctive mark equivalent to the mark required under Article 3 (1) (A) (e) of that Directive and which are stored in separate places and readily identifiable lots.

Article 2

In the communications required under Article 12 of Regulation (EEC) No 1896/73, the meat specified in Article 1 of this Regulation shall be returned separately.

Article 3

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

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

Done at Brussels, 22 March 1974.

For the Commission

The President

François-Xavier ORTOLI

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(1) OJ No L 148, 28. 6. 1968, p. 24.
(2) OJ No L 25, 30. 1. 1973, p. 23.
(3) OJ No L 77, 22. 3. 1974, p. 40.
(4) OJ No 121, 29. 7. 1964, p. 2012/64.
(5) OJ No L 73, 27. 3. 1972, p. 14.
(6) OJ No L 193, 14. 7. 1973, p. 18.
(7) OJ No L 316, 17. 11. 1973, p. 26.