# REGULATION (EEC) No 2630/75 OF THE COMMISSION
## of 16 October 1975
## on the boning of beef bought-in by the intervention agencies

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), in particular Articles 7 (3) and 25 thereof;

Whereas the intervention agencies have in accordance with Article 6 of Regulation (EEC) No 805/68 bought-in beef as defined in Commission Regulation (EEC) No 536/75 (3) of 28 February 1975 fixing the buying-in prices for intervention on the market in beef applicable from 3 March 1975, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2011/75 (4);

Whereas, in view of the large quantities of beef bought-in by the intervention agencies, the latter were, as a temporary measure, authorized by Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1315/74 (5) of 28 May 1974 on the boning of beef bought-in by the intervention agencies, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2473/75 (6), to arrange for the boning of the products bought-in by them;

Whereas the experience acquired during the period of application of that Regulation has shown that boning can be continued, thus permitting better use of storage facilities;

Whereas, however, detailed rules concerning such boning should be laid down, in order to ensure that Council Directive (7) of 26 June 1964 on health problems affecting intra-Community trade in fresh meat, as last amended by the Directive of 24 June 1975 (8), is applied and to guarantee the quality of the products in storage, to ensure their preservation under the best possible conditions and to facilitate their marketing after removal from storage;

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 intervention agencies of the Member States are hereby authorized to arrange for the boning of beef bought-in in accordance with Article 6 of Regulation (EEC) No 805/68. However, this authorization shall apply only in respect of the first 1 000 metric tons of the quantities purchased during any one week and in respect of 25 % of the quantities purchased during any week in excess of that amount.

2. The boned cuts must satisfy the conditions laid down in the Council Directive of 26 June 1964 on health problems affecting intra-Community trade in fresh meat.

*Article 2*

1. Boning shall be carried out under contract on terms laid down by the intervention agencies in accordance with their specifications. Such contracts shall be concluded solely with approved cutting plants within the meaning of Article 4 (1) of the Council Directive referred to in Article 1 (2) above.

2. The specifications drawn up by the intervention agencies shall lay down the requirements to be met by the cutting plants, specify the installations required and ensure that proper standards are maintained with respect to the preparation of cuts.

They shall in particular lay down detailed conditions for boning, specifying the method of preparation, cutting, packing, freezing and preservation of cuts.

The specifications as aforesaid can be obtained from the addresses listed in the Annex hereto.

3. Each Member State shall send to the Commission, at the latest 10 days before boning is begun, a list and definitions of the boned cuts referred to in Article 1 (2), together with the specifications of the intervention agency located on its territory.

*Article 3*

1. The intervention agencies shall be responsible for supervision of all operations carried out pursuant to this Regulation.

2. No other meat may be in the boning room when intervention beef is being boned, trimmed and packed.

(1) OJ No L 148, 28. 6. 1968, p. 24.
(2) OJ No L 195, 18. 7. 1974, p. 14.
(3) OJ No L 56, 3. 3. 1975, p. 28.
(4) OJ No L 204, 2. 8. 1975, p. 6.
(5) OJ No L 144, 29. 5. 1974, p. 11.
(6) OJ No L 253, 30. 9. 1975, p. 22.
(7) OJ No 121, 29. 7. 1964, p. 2012/64.
(8) OJ No L 172, 3. 7. 1975, p. 17.

However, pigmeat may be in the boning room at the same time as beef provided it is treated on a separate production line.

*Article 4*

1. The boning room shall be maintained at a temperature not exceeding + 10° C.

2. During transport, boning, trimming and packing before blast-freezing the internal meat temperature must at no time exceed + 7° C.

3. All the bones, neckstrap, backstrap and connective tissue must be removed.

4. The boned cuts from the hindquarter, excluding the plate, flank and brisket, may not have a fat cover of more than 1 cm, measured before freezing at the thickest point ; the fillet must be completely defatted.

The weight of the visible fat, both external and interstitial, of the forequarter excluding the plate, flank and brisket, including boned cuts from this quarter, expressed as a percentage of the product, may not exceed 10 %.

However, in the case of the shoulder clod this maximum percentage shall be 6 % and in the case of the plate, flank and brisket 30 %.

The intervention agencies are authorized to apply stricter criteria in respect of defatting.

5. The cuts shall be packed, in accordance with the following rules, in such a way that no part of the meat shall enter into direct contact with the carton :

(a) cuts from the hindquarter shall be packed in cartons containing a maximum net weight of 30 kg. Before being placed in the carton the cuts shall be wrapped separately and completely in polythene or like material ;

(b) cuts from the forequarter shall be placed either in cartons lined with a sheet of polythene or like material, or wrapped in bags or polythene or like material with a maximum net weight of 30 kg per carton or bag.

6. Only cuts with the same designation and from the same type of animal may be placed in the same carton or bag.

However there may be placed in the same carton or bag :

(a) cuts from hindquarters of steers and heifers ;

(b) cuts from forequarters of cows and steers or of steers and heifers.

*Article 5*

1. The contracts referred to in Article 2 and the payment made thereunder shall cover the operations and costs resulting from the application of this Regulation, and in particular :

(a) boning, trimming, packing, loading, blast-freezing and storage ;

(b) storage of frozen cuts until they are taken over by the intervention agency ;

(c) the cost of materials, in particular of packing, and transport charges between the cutting plant and the refrigeration plant.

2. The intervention agencies may provide that bones, pieces of fat and other trimmings are to be retained by the cutting plants. In such cases the value of the items retained is to be deducted from the payment due under the contract.

*Article 6*

1. The intervention agencies shall make available to the cutting plants the products referred to in Article 1 (1) at the latest on the second day after taking them over.

2. All the operations of boning, trimming, packing and blast-freezing must be terminated within four days after the products concerned have been made available by the intervention agency.

*Article 7*

The intervention agencies shall make sure that the boned cuts obtained in conformity with the preceding Articles are accepted and stored in easily identifiable lots.

*Article 8*

The intervention agencies shall forward to the Commission within 21 days following the end of each week detailed information on the quantity of meat boned and the cuts produced during that week.

*Article 9*

Regulation (EEC) No 1315/74 is hereby replealed.

*Article 10*

This Regulation shall enter into force on 18 October 1975.

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

Done at Brussels, 16 October 1975.

*For the Commission*

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*Member of the Commission*

*ANNEXE — ANHANG — ALLEGATO — BIJLAGE — ANNEX — BILAG*

**Adresses des organismes d'intervention — Adressen van de interventiebureaus — Anschriften der Interventionsstellen — Addresses of the intervention agencies — Indirizzi degli organismi d'intervento — Interventionsorganernes adresser**

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Trierstraat 80-82
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DANMARK :

Direktoratet for Markedsordningerne
Torvegade 2
DK-1400 København K
Tel. (01) Sundby 9810, Télex 15 137 DK

DEUTSCHLAND :

Einfuhr- und Vorratsstelle für Schlachtvieh, Fleisch und Fleischerzeugnisse (EVSt)
6 000 Frankfurt am Main 18
Adickesallee 40
Tel. (06 11) 55 04 61, Telex EVFLF D 04 11156

FRANCE :

Office national interprofessionnel du bétail et des viandes (ONIBEV)
8-10, boulevard de Vaugirard,
75738 Paris CEDEX 15
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IRELAND :

Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, Agriculture House
Kildare Street
Dublin 2
Tel. (01) 78 90 11, ext. 2356, Telex 4280 and 5118

ITALIA :

Azienda di Stato per gli Interventi nel Mercato Agricolo (AIMA)
Roma, Via Palestro 81
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LUXEMBOURG :

Services d'économie rurale — section cheptel et viande —
113-115, rue de Hollerich
Luxembourg,
téléphone 478/443

NEDERLAND :

Voedselvoorzienings In- en Verkoopbureau (V.I.B.)
Hoensbroek (L)
Kouvenderstraat 229
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