REGULATION (EEC) No 888/75 OF THE COMMISSION

of 4 April 1975

amending Regulation (EEC) No 610/75 on protective measures for certain beef and veal products falling within subheading 16.02 B III b) 1 of the Common Customs Tariff

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 Commission Regulation (EEC) No 610/75 (3) of 7 March 1975 suspended free circulation within the Community of products falling within subheading 16.02 B III b) 1 of the Common Customs Tariff originating in third countries, with the exception of certain prepared or preserved products ;

Whereas those products falling within the said subheading which are not covered by this protective measure should be more closely specified ;

Whereas the Community market in beef and veal continues to be threatened by serious disturbances, as a result of imports, which are likely to jeopardize the objectives of Article 39 of the Treaty,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

The text of Article 1 of Regulation (EEC) No 610/75 is replaced by the following :

'1. Free circulation within the Community of products falling within subheading 16.02 B III b) 1 of the Common Customs Tariff originating in third countries shall be suspended, with the exception of :

(a) prepared or preserved bovine meat or bovine meat offal put up in sealed containers and weighing not more than 5 kg net ;

(b) cooked frozen bovine meat put up in sealed containers and weighing not more than 7 kg net.

2. For the purposes of this Regulation, cooked frozen meat means meat which has undergone, before freezing, heat treatment sufficient to prevent the growth of CL Botulinum and which, in addition, conforms to the following requirements :

— no trace of pinkish liquid should appear on the cut surface when, after the meat has been completely unfrozen, a piece of it is cut into sections at its thickest part,

— its pH must be at least 5·5.'

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 7 April 1975.

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

Done at Brussels, 4 April 1975.

For the Commission

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(1) OJ No L 148, 28. 6. 1968, p. 24.
(2) OJ No L 195, 18. 7. 1974, p. 14.
(3) OJ No L 63. 8. 3. 1975, p. 37.