COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No 2453/76

of 5 October 1976

on the transfer to the Italian intervention agency of frozen beef and veal held by the intervention agencies of other Member States

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 805/68 of 27 June 1968 on the common organization of the market in beef and veal (1), as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 568/76 (2), and in particular Article 7 (2) thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 729/70 of 21 April 1970 on the financing of the common agriculture policy (3), as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2788/72 (4), and in particular Article 3 (2) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas the Community market is characterized by large stocks of beef and veal; whereas these stocks are held primarily by certain Member States, while the quality and quantity of stocks in Italy are too low for its needs;

Whereas, in view of the present economic situation in Italy, which is due in particular to a very high rate of inflation, it seems advisable to make available to the Italian intervention agency part of the stocks of frozen beef and veal which are available in intervention in other Member States; whereas this meat is intended to be placed on the Italian market, which has a shortage in this product, in order to help stabilize consumer prices;

Whereas rules should be laid down for taking over the meat and for transferring responsibility for it;

Whereas the provisions covering the accounting side of this operation should be determined in accordance with the arrangements laid down in Council Regulation (EEC) No 2305/70 of 10 November 1970 on the financing of intervention expenditure in respect of the domestic markets in beef and veal (5), as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1174/75 (6);

Whereas such measures imply that the Guarantee Section of the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund should bear the cost of transport,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. The Belgian, Danish, Dutch, French, German and Irish intervention agencies shall make available to the Italian intervention agency 30 000 metric tons of carcases and compensated quarters and 10 000 metric tons of boned beef, to be placed on the Italian market before 1 April 1977.

2. The arrangements for applying this Regulation shall be adopted in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 27 of Regulation (EEC) No 805/68. These arrangements shall establish which intervention agencies are to make the beef available and how it is to be transported.

Article 2

1. The Belgian, Danish, Dutch, French, German and Irish intervention agencies shall enter the quantities of meat transferred pursuant to Article 1 as a zero debit in the account referred to in Article 2 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 2305/70.

2. The Italian intervention agency shall enter the quantities of meat of which it has taken delivery in accordance with Article 1 as a zero credit in the account referred to in paragraph 1.

3. The costs of transporting the quantities of meat referred to in Article 1 shall be entered in the account referred to in Article 1 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 2305/70.

Article 3

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

(1) OJ No L 148, 28. 6. 1968, p. 24.
(2) OJ No L 67, 15. 3. 1976, p. 28.
(3) OJ No L 94, 28. 4. 1970, p. 13.
(4) OJ No L 295, 30. 12. 1972, p. 1.
(5) OJ No L 249, 17. 11. 1970, p. 1.
(6) OJ No L 117, 7. 5. 1975, p. 7.

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

Done at Luxembourg, 5 October 1976.

For the Council

The President

A. P. L. M. M. van der STEE