COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 457/76
of 27 February 1976
amending Regulation (EEC) No 848/75 as regards the time limit for slaughter and intra-Community trade in animals eligible for premiums

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 464/75 of 27 February 1975 establishing systems of premiums for producers of bovine animals (1), as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 390/76 (2), and in particular Articles 2 (2) and 7 thereof,

Whereas Article 3 (2) of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 848/75 of 1 April 1975 laying down detailed rules for the application of the systems of premiums for producers of bovine animals (3), as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 3113/75 (4), provides that all animals in respect of which premiums have been granted must be slaughtered as soon as possible, in any event within a period not exceeding 28 days from the date on which they are first offered for sale and by 29 February 1976 at the latest; whereas in view of the amendment of Regulation (EEC) No 464/75, the date 29 February 1976 must be postponed to 14 March 1976 as regards animals for which the premium provided for in Article 1 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 464/75 may be granted;

Whereas Article 5 of Regulation (EEC) No 848/75 provides that, in the case of intra-Community trade in animals eligible for the premiums provided for in Article 1 of Regulation (EEC) No 464/75, where proof of slaughter does not reach the competent authority of the Member States granting the premiums, that State may until 1 March 1976 accept proof of export to another Community country in place of the slaughtering certificate;

Whereas, as a result of continuing administrative difficulties, these arrangements should be extended until 15 March 1976;

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

The second paragraph of Article 3 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 848/75 is hereby amended to read as follows:

'All animals in respect of which premiums have been granted must be slaughtered as soon as possible, in any event within a period not exceeding 28 days from the date on which they are first offered for sale. However the slaughter shall take place at the latest:

— as regards the granting of the premium provided for in Article 1 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 464/75 by 29 February 1976,

— as regards the granting of the premium provided for in Article 1 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 464/75 by 14 March 1976.

The Member States concerned shall take measures to ensure that such animals

(a) are permanently marked in such a way as to rule out the possibility of a second premium being granted, and

(b) are slaughtered within the prescribed time limit.'

Article 2

In Article 5 (4) of Regulation (EEC) No 848/75 for '1 March 1976' read '15 March 1976'.

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 March 1976.

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

Done at Brussels, 27 February 1976.

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission

(1) OJ No L 52, 28. 2. 1975, p. 5.
(2) OJ No L 48, 24. 2. 1976, p. 2.
(3) OJ No L 82, 2. 4. 1975, p. 9.
(4) OJ No L 309, 29. 11. 1975, p. 59.