COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No 797/76

of 6 April 1976

authorizing Member States to grant a premium on the slaughter of certain adult bovine animals intended for slaughter during the 1976/77 marketing year

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 43 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament [1],

Whereas the intervention price applicable in the beef and veal sector for the 1976/77 marketing year was fixed at a level below that resulting from the implementation of Article 6 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 805/68 of 27 June 1968 on the common organization of the market in beef and veal [2], as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 568/76 [3]; whereas the Member States should therefore be authorized to grant further aid to producers of bovine animals in order to enable them to secure incomes in keeping with the increase in the guide price;

Whereas this objective may be met by granting such a premium for the slaughter of certain adult bovine animals of Community origin intended for slaughter, other than cows;

Whereas this premium constitutes an intervention on the internal market within the meaning of Article 3 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 729/70 of 21 April 1970 on the financing of the common agricultural policy [4], as last amended by the Act of Accession [5]; whereas, however, the contribution of the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund towards the financing of this premium should be limited,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. The Member States other than those referred to in Regulation (EEC) No 620/76 [6] are authorized, for the 1976/77 marketing year, to grant for the benefit of producers a premium for the slaughter of certain adult bovine animals of Community origin intended for slaughter, other than cows.

2. The amount of the premium which is variable in time may under no circumstances exceed 45 units of account per adult bovine animal of an average weight to be determined.

It shall be calculated in such a way that, when a premium is granted the sum of the market price recorded in the Member State which avails itself of the authorization referred to in paragraph 1 and of the amount of the premium actually granted does not exceed on average and over the marketing year as a whole, 85 % of the guide price applicable in that Member State. At no time may that sum exceed 88 % of the latter guide price.

Article 2

The intervention buying-in price of meat coming from animals which have been the subject of a premium shall be reduced by the amount of the premium actually granted.

Article 3

By way of derogation from Article 3 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 729/70, financing by the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund shall be limited to 25 % of the amount of the premiums actually granted during the period from 1 September 1976 until the end of the 1976/77 marketing year.

Article 4

1. Detailed rules for the application of this Regulation shall be adopted according to the procedure laid down in Article 27 of Regulation (EEC) No 805/68.

2. The rules referred to in paragraph 1 may include in particular:

(a) definition of the categories and qualities of animals which may be the subject of a premium;

(b) measures necessary, in respect of live animals and meat, to avoid disturbances in trade which result from the application of the premium system;

(c) conditions under which the premiums can be granted at the first marketing of adult bovine animals intended for slaughter.

Article 5

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

It shall be applicable from 15 March 1976.

[1] OJ No C 53, 8. 3. 1976, p. 24.
[2] OJ No L 148, 28. 6. 1968, p. 24.
[3] OJ No L 67, 15. 3. 1976, p. 28.
[4] OJ No L 94, 28. 4. 1970, p. 13.
[5] OJ No L 73, 27. 3. 1972, p. 14.
[6] OJ No L 74, 20. 3. 1976, p. 1.

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

Done at Luxembourg, 6 April 1976.

For the Council

The President

J. HAMILIUS