COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 613/77

of 24 March 1977

fixing the quantity of young male bovine animals which may be imported on special terms in the second quarter of 1977

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 of 27 June 1968 on the common organization of the market in beef and veal [1], as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 425/77 [2], and in particular Article 13 (4) (a) thereof,

Whereas the Council has established, as part of the new import arrangements for young male bovine animals for fattening, an estimate of 150 000 head [3] for the period 1 April to 31 December 1977 ; whereas under Article 13 (4) (a) of Regulation (EEC) No 805/68 the quantity which may be imported each quarter and the rate of suspension of the import levy on these animals must be determined ;

Whereas the supply requirements of certain regions of the Community which have a serious deficit in bovine animals for fattening must be taken into account ; whereas these requirements are particularly apparent in Italy and may be estimated, for the second quarter of 1977 at a minimum of 45 000 head there ;

Whereas the partial suspension of the levy is intended to help improve cattle-rearing and beef production structures in Italy ; whereas appropriate measures must therefore be taken to ensure that producers can, as far as possible, benefit directly from the arrangements without, however, traditional trade being excluded ; whereas this objective can be achieved by giving agricultural producers and their organizations priority when issuing the licences entitling them to benefit from these arrangements ;

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. For the period 1 April to 30 June 1977 the maximum quantity referred to in Article 13 (4) (a) of Regulation (EEC) No 805/68 shall be 50 000 head of young male bovine animals for fattening of a live weight of 300 kilograms or less of which at least 45 000 head must be imported into and fattened in Italy.

2. Import licences in respect of two-thirds of the quantity reserved for Italy may be issued directly to agricultural producers and their organizations.

Italy shall therefore specify the categories of applicants in the notification referred to in Article 11 (2) of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 585/77 of 18 March 1977 on the system of import and export licences for beef and veal [4].

3. The levy collected on the imports of the young bovine animals referred to in paragraph 1 shall be equal to the levy applicable on the day of import less 50 %.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 April 1977.

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

Done at Brussels, 24 March 1977

For the Commission

Finn GUNDELACH

Vice-President

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(1) OJ No L 148, 28. 6. 1968, p. 24.
(2) OJ No L 61, 5. 3. 1977, p. 1.
(3) OJ No L 61, 5. 3. 1977, p. 32.
(4) OJ No L 75, 23. 3. 1977, p. 5.