COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 3006/78

of 20 December 1978

laying down detailed rules for the application of Regulation (EEC) No 3328/75 renewing the arrangements for the reduction of import charges on beef and veal products originating in the African, Caribbean and Pacific States

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 3328/75 of 18 December 1975 renewing the arrangements for the reduction of import charges on beef and veal products originating in the African, Caribbean and Pacific States (1), as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2993/78 (2), and in particular Article 3 (1) and (2) thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation No 129 on the value of the unit of account and the exchange rates to be applied for the purposes of the common agricultural policy (3), as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2543/73 (4), and in particular Article 3 thereof,

Having regard to the opinion of the Monetary Committee,

Whereas the arrangements for the reduction of import charges on beef and veal products originating in the African, Caribbean and Pacific States provided for in Regulation (EEC) No 3328/75 have been renewed until 1 March 1980 by Regulation (EEC) No 2993/78;

Whereas Article 1 of Regulation (EEC) No 3328/75 lays down that the charges on imports of beef and veal originating in the African, Caribbean and Pacific States are to be reduced, provided that a tax of a corresponding amount was levied when the goods were exported from the country of origin;

Whereas the import charges result from the level of the levy applicable and that levy may be adjusted by monetary compensatory amounts; whereas, having regard to the monetary trends in the individual Member States, the amount of the reduction should be calculated separately for each Member State on the basis of the monetary compensatory amount applicable to imports in the Member State concerned;

Whereas the reduction consists of levy and monetary compensatory amount components; whereas, moreover, the fixing of the reduction in units of account may create problems, especially for the exporting country, as regards the exchange rate to be used; whereas, consequently, the amount of the reduction should be fixed in national currency for each Member State of destination;

Whereas it appears useful to outline the manner in which the amount to be actually levied on imports is calculated;

Whereas the amount by which the import charges are reduced is fixed quarterly; whereas this amount may vary during transport to the Community; whereas at the time of export the exporting country, when calculating the export tax to be levied, can only base itself on the reduction in force; whereas the export tax must be compared to the reduction applicable at the time of export;

Whereas the amount representing import charges is that applicable on the day of acceptance of the entry of the goods for home use; whereas these charges are reduced by the reduction applicable on that date;

Whereas proof that the export tax provided for in Regulation (EEC) No 3328/75 has been collected may be furnished by entering the relevant amount on the EUR 1 certificate for the movement of goods referred to in Article 6 of Protocol No 1 to the Convention of Lomé;

Whereas detailed rules for the application of the system of import licences for beef and veal products are laid down in Commission Regulation (EEC) No 193/75 (5), as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1624/78 (6), and in Commission Regulation (EEC) No 571/78 (7), as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1559/78 (8); whereas, however, it is appropriate to prescribe special rules for licences granted under the present Regulation;

(1) OJ No L 329, 23. 12. 1975, p. 4.
(2) See page 5 of this Official Journal.
(3) OJ No 106, 30. 10. 1962, p. 2553/62.
(4) OJ No L 263, 19. 9. 1973, p. 1.
(5) OJ No L 25, 31. 1. 1975, p. 10.
(6) OJ No L 190, 13. 7. 1978, p. 14.
(7) OJ No L 78, 22. 3. 1978, p. 10.
(8) OJ No L 184, 6. 7. 1978, p. 18.

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. Import licences shall be issued for beef and veal products originating in Botswana, Kenya, Madagascar and Swaziland under the conditions laid down in this Regulation and within the limits of the quantities, expressed in tonnes of boned meat, fixed in Regulation (EEC) No 3328/75.

2. For the purposes of this Regulation 100 kilograms of boned meat shall be equivalent to 130 kilograms of unboned meat.

Article 2

1. Applications for import licences may be submitted only during the first 10 days of each month.

2. On the working day following the last working day of the period for the submission of applications, Member States shall inform the Commission by telex, in respect of each of the non-member countries concerned, of the total quantity covered by the applications referred to in paragraph 1.

3. The Commission shall decide in respect of each non-member country concerned to what extent the applications can be accepted. If the quantities of products originating in a non-member country in respect of which licences are applied for exceed the quantity available from that non-member country, the Commission shall fix a single percentage for the reduction of the quantities applied for.

4. If the total quantity covered by applications relating to a non-member country is lower than that available from that non-member country, the Commission shall determine the amount of the balance remaining.

5. Licences shall be issued on the 21st day of each month. If that is not a working day in the Member State in which the applications were submitted, however, licences shall be issued on the first working day thereafter.

6. The import licence shall be valid from the day of issue as specified in paragraph 5 for :

(a) 90 days in respect of frozen meat ;

(b) 45 days in respect of fresh or chilled meat.

7. The application for a licence and the licence itself shall be drawn up in accordance with Article 7 of Regulation (EEC) No 571/78.

8. Subject to the provisions of Article 18 of Regulation (EEC) No 193/75, the security shall be released immediately in respect of the quantity for which no import licence has been issued.

Article 3

Importation under the system of import charge reductions may take place only if the origin of the products concerned is certified by the competent authorities of the exporting countries in accordance with the rules of origin applicable to the products in question pursuant to Protocol No 1 to the Convention of Lomé.

Article 4

1. The amount provided for in Article 1 of Regulation (EEC) No 3328/75 for each product intended for importation into a Member State shall be equal to 90 % of the amount of the levy, adjusted as appropriate by the monetary compensatory amount valid for imports into that Member State during the week preceding that in which the quarter for which the reduction is calculated begins.

The reduction shall be fixed for each Member State in its national currency.

2. The reduction shall be deducted from the levy valid on the day on which the customs import formalities are completed in the Member State concerned, adjusted as appropriate by the monetary coefficient shown in Annex II to the Commission Regulation fixing the monetary compensatory amounts and by the monetary compensatory amount valid in the Member State concerned on the same date.

Article 5

1. The import charges shall be reduced by the amount fixed in accordance with Article 4 only if :

(a) an export tax at least equal to that amount has been levied ;

(b) the EUR 1 certificate for the movement of goods referred to in Article 6 of Protocol No 1 to the Convention of Lomé indicates :

— in box 7, the amount of the export tax levied per 100 kilograms,

— in box 8, the Common Customs Tariff subheading for the products in question.

A separate certificate shall be drawn up for each subheading of the Common Customs Tariff.

2. At the time of the completion of customs import formalities for the entry of goods into home use, the amount of the export tax levied per 100 kilograms shall be compared with the amount, fixed in accordance with Article 4 in respect of the importing Member State, which was applicable at the time when the EUR 1 certificate for the movement of goods was issued.

If the amount of the export tax levied is expressed in a currency other than that of the importing Member State, the exchange rate used shall be the most recent selling rate recorded on the most representative exchange market or markets of that Member State.

The export tax levied shall be considered as corresponding to the amount fixed in accordance with Article 4 when the comparison shows that the export tax expressed in the currency of the importing Member State is not lower than the said amount.

3. The amount by which the import charges shall be reduced shall be that applicable on the date on which the entry of the goods for home use is accepted.

4. The application of this Regulation may in no case result in the granting of an amount.

Article 6

In respect of quantities imported pursuant to Article 2 (4) of Regulation (EEC) No 193/75, the levies fixed in accordance with Articles 10 to 13 of Regulation (EEC) No 805/68 shall be charged in full.

Article 7

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 January 1979.

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

Done at Brussels, 20 December 1978.

For the Commission

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