COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 581/78
of 22 March 1978
fixing the import levies on frozen beef and veal

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 12 (8) thereof,

Having regard to the opinion of the Monetary Committee,

Whereas under Article 9 of Regulation (EEC) No 805/68 a levy is applicable to the products specified in Article 1 (1) (a) of that Regulation whereas Article 12 fixes the amount of the levy applicable by reference to a percentage of the basic levy ;

Whereas, in respect of the types of frozen meat listed in section (b) of the Annex to the said Regulation under subheading 02.01 A II b) 1, the basic levy is determined by reference to the difference between :

— the guide price multiplied by a coefficient representing the ratio existing in the Community between the price of fresh meat of a category competitive with the frozen meat in question, presented in the same form, and the average price of adult bovine animals, and

— the Community free-at-frontier offer price for frozen meat, plus the amount of the customs duty and a standard amount representing the specific costs of the import operations ;

Whereas, by Commission Regulation (EEC) No 586/77 of 18 March 1977 laying down rules for the application of the levies on beef and veal and amending Regulation (EEC) No 950/68 on the Common Customs Tariff [3], the abovementioned coefficient, calculated in accordance with the rules laid down in Article 11 (2) (a) of Regulation (EEC) No 805/68, has been fixed at 1·69 units of account and the standard amount referred to in Article 11 (2) (b) of the said Regulation has been fixed at 5·5 units of account ;

Whereas, if it is found that the price of adult bovine animals on representative Community markets is higher than the guide price, the levy applicable equals the following percentage of the basic levy :

(a) 75 % where the market price is less than or equal to 102 % of the guide price ;

(b) 50 % where the market price is more than 102 % and less than or equal to 104 % of the guide price ;

(c) 25 % where the market price is more than 104 % and less than 106 % of the guide price ;

(d) 0 % where the market price is more than 106 % of the guide price ;

Whereas, if it is found that the price of adult bovine animals on representative Community markets is equal to or less than the guide price, the levy applicable equals the following percentage of the basic levy :

(a) 100 % where the market price is more than or equal to 98 % of the guide price ;

(b) 105 % where the market price is less than 98 % and more than or equal to 96 % of the guide price ;

(c) 110 % where the market price is less than 96 % and more than or equal to 90 % of the guide price ;

(d) 114 % where the market price is less than 90 % of the guide price ;

Whereas the guide prices for adult bovine animals to be applied from 2 May 1977 have been fixed by Council Regulation (EEC) No 869/77 of 26 April 1977 [4] ;

Whereas the Community free-at-frontier offer price for frozen meat is determined by reference to the world market price based on the most representative purchasing possibilities, as regards quality and quantity, recorded over a certain period preceding the fixing of the basic levy, taking into account in particular :

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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 75, 23. 3. 1977, p. 10.
(4) OJ No L 106, 29. 4. 1977, p. 12.

— foreseeable developments on the market in frozen meat,

— the most representative prices on third country markets for fresh and chilled meat of a category which is competitive with frozen meat,

— past experience ;

Whereas the basic levy on the types of frozen meat listed in section (b) of the Annex to Regulation (EEC) No 805/68 under subheadings 02.01 A II b) 2 to 4 is equal to the basic levy fixed for the product falling within subheading 02.01 A II b) 1, multiplied by a standard coefficient fixed for each of the products in question ; whereas these coefficients were fixed in Annex II to Regulation (EEC) No 586/77 ;

Whereas, for the purpose of fixing the free-at-frontier offer prices, offer prices that do not correspond to real purchasing possiblities or that relate to unrepresentative quantities may not be taken into account ; whereas offer prices are also excluded when the movement of prices in general or the information available gives reason to believe that they are unrepresentative of the true trend of prices in the country of origin ;

Whereas, where the free-at-frontier offer price for frozen meat differs by less than one unit of account per 100 kilograms from that previously used for the calculation of the levy, the latter price is retained ;

Whereas pursuant to Article 12 (6) of Regulation (EEC) No 805/68 the price of adult bovine animals on representative Community markets is the price established on the basis of prices recorded over a period to be determined on the representative market or markets of each Member State for the various categories of adult bovine animals or of meat from such animals, taking into account the size of each of these categories and the relative size of the bovine herd of each Member State ;

Whereas the prices of adult bovine animals recorded on the representative market or markets of each Member State are equal to the average, weighted by the relevant coefficients, of the prices for the various qualities of adult bovine animals or meat of such animals over a period of seven days in that Member State at a particular wholesale marketing stage ; whereas the representative markets, categories and qualities of products and weighting coefficients are fixed in Annex II to Commission Regulation (EEC) No 610/77 of 18 March 1977 on the determination of prices of adult bovine animals on representative Community markets and the survey of prices of certain other cattle in the Community [1], as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 502/78 [2] ;

Whereas, for Member States with several representative markets, the price of each category and quality is equal to the arithmetic mean of the prices recorded on each of those markets ; for representative markets held several times in one period of seven days, the price of each category and quality is equal to the arithmetic mean of the prices recorded on each market day ; whereas in respect of Italy the price of each category and quality is equal to the average, weighted by the special weighting coefficients fixed in Annex II to Regulation (EEC) No 610/77, of the prices recorded in the surplus and deficit zones ; whereas the price recorded in the surplus zone is equal to the arithmetic mean of the prices recorded on each of the markets within that zone ; whereas in respect of the United Kingdom the weighted average prices of adult bovine animals recorded on the representative markets of Great Britain on the one hand and Northern Ireland on the other are adjusted by the coefficient fixed in the abovementioned Annex II ;

Whereas prices for the different categories and qualities not obtained from prices which are 'live weight excluding tax', are multiplied by the live weight conversion coefficients fixed in Annex II to the said Regulation and, in the case of Italy, are first increased or reduced by the corrective amounts fixed in the said Annex ;

Wherea if one or more Member States, for veterinary or health reasons for example, adopt measures affecting the normal trend of prices recorded on their markets, the Commission may disregard the prices recorded on the market or markets in question, or use the latest prices recorded on the market or markets in question before the entry into force of such measures ;

Whereas in the absence of information, prices recorded on representative Community markets are determined mainly by reference to the most recently recorded prices ;

Whereas, for such period as the price of adult bovine animals recorded on representative Community markets differs by less than 0·20 unit of account per 100 kilograms of live weight from the price previously used, the latter is retained ;

Whereas the levies must be so fixed that obligations arising from international agreements concluded by the Community continue to be fulfilled.

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(1) OJ No L 77, 25. 3. 1977, p. 1.
(2) OJ No L 68, 10. 3. 1978, p. 16.

Whereas the various cuts of frozen meat are defined in Regulation (EEC) No 586/77 ;

Whereas, pursuant to Article 33 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 805/68, the nomenclature used in this Regulation is incorporated in the Common Customs Tariff ;

Whereas the levies are fixed before the 27th day of each month and are applicable from the first Monday of the following month ; whereas these levies may be altered in the period between two fixings where the basic levy is altered, or in the case of changes in the prices recorded on Community representative markets ;

Whereas, to enable the levy system to function normally, the following should be used to calculate the levies :

— for currencies whose spot rates are maintained at any given moment within a spread of 2·25 %, a conversion rate based on their actual par values ;
— for other currencies, a conversion rate based on the arithmetic mean of the spot exchange rates of each of these currencies, recorded over a given period, against the Community currencies referred to in the previous indent ;

Whereas, having regard to the provisions of the aforementioned Regulations, and in particular to the data and quotations available to the Commission, the levies on frozen beef and veal should be as set out in the Annex to this Regulation,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

The import levies on frozen beef and veal shall be as specified in the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 3 April 1978.

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

Done at Brussels, 22 March 1978.

For the Commission

Finn GUNDELACH

Vice-President

ANNEX

to the Commission Regulation of 22 March 1978 fixing the import levies on frozen beef and veal (1) for the period beginning 3 April 1978

(u.a./100 kg)

CCT heading No	Levy
	— Net weight —
02.01 A II b) 1	121·069
02.01 A II b) 2	96·856 (a)
02.01 A II b) 3	151·336
02.01 A II b) 4 aa)	181·604
02.01 A II b) 4 bb) 11	151·336 (a)
02.01 A II b) 4 bb) 22 (b)	151·336 (a)
02.01 A II b) 4 bb) 33	208·239 (a)

(1) In accordance with Regulation (EEC) No 706/76, levies are not applied to imports into the French overseas departments of products originating in the African, Caribbean and Pacific States or in the overseas countries and territories.

(a) Where products are imported under the conditions set out in Article 14 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 805/68 of 27 June 1968 and in provisions adopted for its application, the levy is totally or partially suspended in accordance with those provisions.

(b) Entry under this subheading is subject to the production of a certificate issued on conditions laid down by the competent authorities of the European Communities.