COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 621/78

of 29 March 1978

fixing the quantity of young male bovine animals which may be imported on special terms in the second quarter of 1978

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, under the new import arrangements for young male bovine animals for fattening, an estimate of 200 000 head for the period 1 January to 31 December 1978; whereas, under Article 13 (4) (a) of Regulation (EEC) No 805/68, the quantity which may be imported each quarter and the rate of reduction of the import levy on these animals must be determined;

Whereas detailed rules for the practical application of the special arrangements were laid down in Commission Regulation (EEC) No 571/78 of 21 March 1978 on the system of import and export licences for beef and veal and repealing Regulation (EEC) No 585/77 (3);

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 1978, at a minimum of 45 000 head for that Member State;

Whereas the supply requirements in young bovine animals for fattening justify, for the second quarter of 1978, a higher rate of reduction of the levy for animals weighing from 220 to 300 kilograms per head, originating in and coming from Yugoslavia;

Whereas the partial reduction of the levy is intended to help improve cattle rearing and beef and veal 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 traditional trade being excluded; whereas this objective can be achieved by giving agricultural producers and their organizations priority when issuing the licences conferring entitlement to benefit from the arrangements; whereas according to Article 11 (9) of Regulation (EEC) No 571/78 the applicant shall undertake either to carry out himself or to have carried out under his responsibility the task of fattening; whereas in the case of agricultural producers or their professional organizations, it appears that the opportunity given to the applicant not to carry out himself the task of fattening could give rise to abuses in certain cases; whereas it seems appropriate consequently to abolish that opportunity for the quarter in question;

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 1978, 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. The levy charged on 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 %.

However, the levy applicable on the day of import shall be reduced by 70 % in respect of a maximum of 12 000 young bovine animals weighing from 220 to 300 kilograms per head, originating in and coming from Yugoslavia.

3. The application for a licence and the licence shall be in accordance with Article 8 (b) of Regulation (EEC) No 571/78 and shall relate to:

— either young bovine animals of a weight per head not exceeding 300 kilograms,

— or young bovine animals of a weight per head of from 220 to 300 kilograms, originating in and coming from Yugoslavia.

(1) OJ No L 148, 28. 6. 1968, p. 24.
(2) OJ No L 61, 5. 3. 1977, p. 1.
(3) OJ No L 78, 22. 3. 1978, p. 10.

In the latter case Sections 13 and 14 of the application for a licence and the licence shall include one of the following entries :

— Yugoslavia,
— Jugoslavien,
— Jugoslawien,
— Yougoslavie,
— Iugoslavia,
— Joegoslavië.

The licence shall make it compulsory to import from the country indicated.

4. Member States shall specify in the communication referred to in Article 11 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 571/78 the category of live weight, and the origin of the products in the case referred to in the second indent of the first subparagraph of paragraph 3.

5. Within the quantity reserved for Italy, import licences may be issued directly to agricultural producers or their organizations in respect of a maximum of 30 000 head.

Italy shall, for this purpose, specify the categories of applicants in the communication referred to in Article 11 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 571/78.

Article 2

As regards the quantity referred to in Article 1 (5) above and by way of derogation from Article 11 (9) of Regulation (EEC) No 571/78, the applications for import licences lodged by agricultural producers or their professional organizations shall be acceptable only if the applicant undertakes in writing to fatten, on his farm or farms or in the case of a professional organization on those of its members, the young bovine animals imported under this Regulation.

Article 3

For the purpose of Article 11 (5) of Regulation (EEC) No 571/78, all applications from one applicant which relate to the same category of weight and the same rate of reduction of the levy shall be treated as one application.

Article 4

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 April 1978.

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

Done at Brussels, 29 March 1978.

For the Commission
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Vice-President