COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No 897/81

of 1 April 1981

opening, allocating and providing for the administration of a Community tariff quota for frozen beef and veal falling within subheading 02.01 A II b) of the Common Customs Tariff (1981)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Articles 43 and 113 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission (1),

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament (2),

Whereas, in the context of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), the Community has undertaken to open, at a duty of 20 %, an annual Community tariff quota of 50 000 tonnes of frozen beef and veal falling within subheading 02.01 A II b) of the Common Customs Tariff, expressed as boned or boneless meat, whereas, therefore, this tariff quota should be opened on 1 January 1981 ;

Whereas equal and continuous access to the quota should be ensured for all persons concerned and the rate laid down for the tariff quota should be applied consistently in all Member States to all imports of the product in question until the quota is used up ; whereas a system of utilization of the Community tariff quota, based on an allocation between the Member States concerned, would, in the light of the principles outlined above, appear consistent with the Community nature of the quota ; whereas, in order to arrive at a fair allocation between the Member States and to represent as closely as possible the actual market trends in the product in question, the said allocation should be proportionate to the requirements of the Member States calculated with reference to statistical data on imports from third countries during a representative reference period and to the economic prospects for the quota year in question ;

Whereas, pursuant o Article 2 (4) of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 193/75 of 17 January 1975 laying down common detailed rules for the application of the system of import and export licences and advance fixing certificates for agricultural products (3), as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1955/79 (4), import licences authorize the importation of a quantity exceeding by 5 % the quantity indicated therein ; whereas, however, the levy provided for in Article 12 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 805/68 of 27 June 1968 on the common organization of the market in beef and veal (5), as last amended by the 1979 Act of Accession, should be applied to any quantity exceeding that indicated in the licence ;

Whereas, since the tariff quota in question is relatively small, it ought to be possible to provide for a system of allocation based on a single apportionment between the Member States, without thereby derogating from its Community nature ; whereas it appears best to leave to each Member State the choice of a management system for its share of the quota, so that it may ensure an allocation which is appropriate from an economic viewpoint ;

Whereas, since the Kingdom of Belgium, the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg are jointly represented by the Benelux Economic Union, any operation concerning the administration of the quota shares allocated to that economic union may be carried out by any one of its members ;

Whereas, if at a given date during the quota period it is found that a balance of a quota share remains in one or other Member State, it will be necessary, where appropriate, to re-allocate the amounts which have not been used up, in order that they might be used up by other Member States,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

1. A Community tariff quota for frozen beef and veal falling within subheading 02.01 A II b) of the Common Customs Tariff, totalling 50 000 tonnes expressed as boned or boneless meat, is hereby opened for 1981.

For the purpose of charging imports against this quota, 100 kilograms of unboned meat shall be taken to be equivalent to 77 kilograms of boned or boneless meat.

2. Imports of those goods which have been admitted under the benefit of another preferential tariff regime shall not be set off against this tariff quota.

(1) OJ No C 273, 30. 10. 1979, p. 3.
(2) OJ No C 346, 31. 12. 1980, p. 125.
(3) OJ No L 25, 31. 1. 1975, p. 10.
(4) OJ No L 226, 6. 9. 1979, p. 13.
(5) OJ No L 148, 28. 6. 1968, p. 24.

3. The Common Customs Tariff duty for this quota shall be 20 %.

Article 2

The quantity of 50 000 tonnes shall be divided into two parts, one totalling 33 500 tonnes, the other 16 500 tonnes, allocated as follows :

	For the part totalling 33 500 tonnes	For the part totalling 16 500 tonnes
Benelux	3 288	1 620
Denmark	163	80
Germany	6 213	3 060
Greece	1 005	495
France	3 451	1 699
Ireland	—	—
Italy	9 658	4 757
United Kingdom	9 722	4 789

Article 3

1. The Member States shall take all appropriate steps to guarantee all persons concerned, established within their territories, free access to the quota shares allocated to them.

2. The extent to which the shares of the Member States have been used up shall be verified on the basis of imports as the product is presented for customs clearance under the declaration for free circulation.

Article 4

The Member States shall regularly inform the Commission of imports which have been charged against their shares.

Article 5

The Member States and the Commission shall cooperate closely to ensure that this Regulation is complied with.

Article 6

The Commission shall not later than 1 October 1981, submit to the Council a report on the quantities for which licences have been delivered in each Member State.

The Council, acting by a qualified majority on a proposal from the Commission, shall, where appropriate, re-allocate the amounts which have not been used up.

Article 7

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 1 January 1981.

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

Done at Brussels, 1 April 1981.

For the Council

The President

G. BRAKS