COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1301/97

of 4 July 1997

amending Regulation (EC) No 913/97 adopting exceptional support measures for the pigmeat market in Spain

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2759/75 of 29 October 1975 on the common organization of the market in pigmeat [1], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 3290/94 [2], and in particular Article 20 thereof,

Whereas, because of the outbreak of classical swine fever in certain production regions in Spain, exceptional measures to support the pigmeat market were adopted for this Member State in Commission Regulation (EC) No 913/97 [3];

Whereas, because of continuing veterinary and trade restrictions adopted by the Spanish authorities and their extension to new areas, the number of pigs for fattening and piglets which may be delivered to the competent authorities should be increased, thus allowing the continuation of the exceptional measures in the coming weeks;

Whereas, because of the persistence of classical swine fever in Spain, it is appropriate to reduce the minimum weight of eligible pigs for fattening thus reducing expenditure on this measure and the volume of pigs to be processed in rendering plants;

Whereas the rapid and efficient application of the exceptional market support measures is one of the best ways of combating the spread of classical swine fever; whereas the application of the provisions of this Regulation from 18 June 1997 is therefore justified;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Pigmeat,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Regulation (EC) No 913/97 is hereby amended as follows:

1. in Article 1 (1) and in Article 4 (1) and (2), '110 kilograms' is replaced by '100 kilograms';
2. in Article 4 (2), '100 kilograms' is replaced by '90 kilograms';
3. Annex I is replaced by Annex I hereto;
4. Annex II is replaced by Annex II hereto.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities.*

It shall apply with effect from 18 June 1997.

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

Done at Brussels, 4 July 1997.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

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[1] OJ No L 282, 1. 11. 1975, p. 1.
[2] OJ No L 349, 31. 12. 1994, p. 105.
[3] OJ No L 131, 23. 5. 1997, p. 14.

ANNEX I

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Total number of animals from 6 May 1997

(head)

Fattening pigs	252 000
Piglets	110 000'

ANNEX II

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— In the province of Lerida, the protection and surveillance zones as defined in Annexes I and II to the Order of the "Generalitat de Catalunya" dated 29 April 1997.

— In the province of Lerida, the protection and surveillance zones as defined in Annexes I and II to the Order of "Generalitat de Catalunya" dated 12 June 1997.'