COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1898/97

of 29 September 1997

laying down rules of application in the pigmeat sector for the arrangements covered by Council Regulation (EC) No 3066/95 and repealing Regulations (EEC) No 2698/93 and (EC) No 1590/94

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 3066/95 of 22 December 1995 establishing certain concessions in the form of Community tariff quotas for certain agricultural products and providing for the adjustment, as an autonomous and transitional measure, of certain agricultural concessions provided for in the Europe Agreements to take account of the Agreement on Agriculture concluded during the Uruguay Round Multilateral Trade Negotiations [1], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1595/97 [2], and in particular Article 8 thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2759/75 of 29 October 1975 on the common organization of the market in pigmeat [3], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 3290/94 [4], and in particular Article 22 thereof,

Whereas Regulation (EC) No 3066/95 adjusts as an autonomous and transitional measure the agricultural concessions in the Europe Agreements concluded between the European Communities and their Member States of the one part and the Republic of Poland, the Republic of Hungary, the Czech Republic, the Slovak Republic, the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania respectively of the other part, for the period 1 January 1996 to entry into force of the Additional Protocols; whereas these adjustments were extended by Council Regulation (EC) No 2490/96 [5] to 31 December 1997; whereas owing to procedural delays the Additional Protocols to the Europe Agreements, negotiation of which are concluded, cannot enter into force on 1 July 1997; whereas Regulation (EC) No 3066/95 has therefore been amended by Regulation (EC) No 1595/97 in order to allow early implementation in the agricultural sector of the negotiation results;

Whereas, while bearing in mind the provisions of the Interim Agreements intended to guarantee product origin, the arrangements should be operated using import licences; whereas rules on the presentation of licence applications and to the entries to be made on applications and licences are required that differ from those in Article 8 of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3719/88 of 16 November 1988 laying down common detailed rules for the application of the system of import and export licences and advance fixing certificates for agricultural products [6], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1404/97 [7]; whereas licences should be issued following a reflection period and possibly with a common percentage acceptance applied;

Whereas for the purposes of smooth operation of the arrangements security of ECU 30 per 100 kilograms should be required against import licences; whereas given the risk of speculative misuse of the arrangements where pigmeat is concerned importer access to these products should be precisely regulated;

Whereas import licences for certain product categories in the pigmeat sector have already been assigned for the period 1 July to 30 September 1997 in line with Commission Regulation (EC) No 1461/97 of 25 July 1997 determining the extent to which applications lodged in July 1997 for import licences for certain pigmeat products under the regime provided for by the Agreements concluded by the Community with the Republic of Poland, the Republic of Hungary, the Czech Republic and the Slovak Republic can be accepted [8] and with Commission Regulation (EC) No 1462/97 of 25 July 1997 determining the extent to which applications lodged in July 1997 for import licences for certain pigmeat products under the regime provided for by the Agreements concluded by the Community with Bulgaria and Romania can be accepted [9]; whereas the quantities available for the period 1 October to 31 December 1997 should be set by reference to the quantities agreed and quotas set for the period 1 July to 31 December 1997;

Whereas Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2698/93 [10], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 691/97 [11], lays down detailed rules for application in the pigmeat sector of the arrangements provided for in the Interim Agree-

[1] OJ L 328, 30. 12. 1995, p. 31.
[2] OJ L 216, 8. 8. 1997, p. 1.
[3] OJ L 282, 1. 11. 1975, p. 1.
[4] OJ L 349, 31. 12. 1994, p. 105.
[5] OJ L 338, 28. 12. 1996, p. 13.
[6] OJ L 331, 2. 12. 1988, p. 1.
[7] OJ L 194, 23. 7. 1997, p. 5.
[8] OJ L 199, 26. 7. 1997, p. 22.
[9] OJ L 199, 26. 7. 1997, p. 24.
[10] OJ L 245, 1. 10. 1993, p. 80.
[11] OJ L 102, 19. 4. 1997, p. 12.

ments between the European Economic Community and Poland, Hungary, and the former Czech and Slovak Federative Republic; whereas since it is replaced by this Regulation it should be repealed;

Whereas Commission Regulation (EC) No 1590/94 [1], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 691/97, lays down detailed rules for application in the pigmeat sector of the arrangements provided for in the Interim Agreements between the Community and Bulgaria and Romania; whereas since it is replaced by this Regulation it should be repealed;

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

All imports into the Community under the arrangements laid down in Regulation (EC) No 3066/95 of products covered by group Nos 1, 2, 3, 4, H1, H2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10/11, 12/13, 14, 15, 16 and 17 provided for in Annex I to this Regulation shall be subject to presentation of an import licence.

The quantities covered by these arrangements and the reduction in the Common Customs Tariff duty are listed by group in Annex I.

Article 2

The quantities referred to in Article 1 are, for each period specified in Annex I, allocated as follows:

— 1 July to 30 September: 25 %,

— 1 October to 31 December: 25 %,

— 1 January to 31 March: 25 %,

— 1 April to 30 June: 25 %.

Article 3

The following provisions shall apply to the import licences referred to in Article 1:

1. Applicants must be natural or legal persons who at the time of application can satisfy the competent authority of their Member State that they have been engaging in trade in pigmeat for at least 12 months. Retailers and restaurateurs selling products to the final consumer are excluded.

2. Licence applications may cover only one of the groups indicated in Annex I. They may cover products of differing CN codes originating in only one of the countries to which this Regulation relates. In such cases all the CN codes and product descriptions must be entered in boxes 16 and 15 respectively. The application must be for a minimum of one tonne and a maximum of 25 % of the quantity available for the group concerned during the quarter in question as specified in Article 2.

3. Box 8 of the licence application and the licence shall show the country of origin; the licence shall impose an obligation to import from that country.

4. Box 20 of the licence application and the licence shall carry one of the following entries:

   — Reglamento (CE) nº 1898/97

   — Forordning (EF) nr. 1898/97

   — Verordnung (EG) Nr. 1898/97

   — Κανονισμός (ΕΚ) αριθ. 1898/97

   — Regulation (EC) No 1898/97

   — Règlement (CE) nº 1898/97

   — Regolamento (CE) n. 1898/97

   — Verordening (EG) nr. 1898/97

   — Regulamento (CE) nº 1898/97

   — Asetus (EY) N:o 1898/97

   — Förordning (EG) nr 1898/97.

5. Box 24 of the licence shall carry one of the following entries:

   — Reducción del derecho de aduana en virtud del Reglamento (CE) nº 1898/97

   — Nedsættelse af importafgiften jf. forordning (EF) nr. 1898/97

   — Ermäßigung des Zollsatzes nach dem GZT gemäß Verordnung (EG) Nr. 1898/97

   — Μείωση του δασμού όπως προβλέπεται στον κανονισμό (ΕΚ) αριθ. 1898/97

   — Customs duty reduction as provided for in Regulation (EC) No 1898/97

   — Réduction du droit de douane comme prévu au règlement (CE) nº 1898/97

   — Riduzione del dazio doganale a norma del regolamento (CE) n. 1898/97

   — Douanerecht verlaagd overeenkomstig Verordening (EG) nr. 1898/97

   — Redução do direito aduaneiro conforme previsto no Regulamento (CE) nº 1898/97

   — Tullialennus, josta on säädetty asetuksessa (EY) N:o 1898/97

   — Nedsättning av tullavgiften enligt förordning (EG) nr 1898/97.

[1] OJ L 167, 1. 7. 1994, p. 16.

Article 4

1. Licence applications may be lodged only in the first 10 days of each period specified in Article 2.

2. Applications shall be invalid if the applicant does not declare in writing that he has not lodged and will not lodge, for the period in question, other applications for products of the same group in the Member State of lodgement or another Member State. If an applicant lodges more than one application for products of one group none of the applications shall be valid.

3. Member States shall notify to the Commission, on the fifth working day following the end of the period for lodging applications, those lodged for each of the products of the groups in question. The applicants and quantities for each group shall be listed. All notifications, including 'nil' ones, shall be made by telex or fax on the stipulated working day. The form reproduced as Annex II shall be used for 'nil' notifications and those reproduced as Annexes II and III if applications have been made.

4. The Commission shall decide with all speed to what the applications referred to in Article 3 can be met.

If the total amount applied for is more than that available the quantities granted shall be scaled down by a common percentage.

If it is less than the amount available the Commission shall determine the quantity to be added to that available for the next period.

5. Licences shall be issued as soon as possible after the Commission's decision.

6. Licences shall be valid throughout the Community.

Article 5

For the purposes of Article 21 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 3719/88 import licences shall be valid for 150 days from their actual date of issue.

Licences shall not be transferable.

Article 6

Security of ECU 30 per 100 kg shall be lodged against applications for import licences for any product indicated in Article 1.

Article 7

The provisions of Regulation (EEC) No 3719/88 shall be applicable except as otherwise provided by this Regulation.

However, Article 8 (4) of that Regulation notwithstanding, quantities imported pursuant to this Regulation may not exceed that indicated in boxes 17 and 18 of the import licence. To that end '0' shall be entered in box 19 of the licence.

Article 8

The products shall be placed in free circulation on presentation fo an EUR.1 certificate issued by the exporting country in accordance with Protocol 4 to the Europe Agreements concluded with the said countries, or, of a declaration by the exporter in accordance with the provisions of the said Protocol.

Article 9

The Member States shall cooperate closely with the Commission to ensure compliance with this Regulation.

Article 10

The quantities available for applications in the period 1 to 10 October 1997 are given in Annex IV hereto.

Article 11

Regulations (EEC) No 2698/93 and (EC) No 1590/94 are hereby repealed.

Article 12

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

It shall apply with effect from 1 July 1997.

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

Done at Brussels, 29 September 1997.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

ANNEX I

A. PRODUCTS ORIGINATING IN HUNGARY

(tonnes)

Order No	Group No	CN code	Rate of duty applicable (% of MFN)	Annual quantity			
				From 1. 7. 1997 to 30. 6. 1998	From 1. 7. 1998 to 30. 6. 1999	From 1. 7. 1999 to 30. 6. 2000	From 1. 7. 2000
09.4705	1	1601 00 91 1601 00 99	20	7 700	8 050	8 400	8 750
09.4706	2	1602 49 15 1602 49 19 1602 41 10 1602 42 10 1602 49 11 1602 49 13 1602 49 30 1602 49 50	20	770	805	840	875
09.4704	3	0210 11 11 0210 12 11 0210 19 40 0210 19 51	20	1 760	1 840	1 920	2 000
09.4708	4	0203 11 10 0203 12 11 0203 12 19 0203 19 11 0203 19 13 0203 19 15 0203 19 55 (1) 0203 19 59 0203 21 10 0203 22 11 0203 22 19 0203 29 11 0203 29 13 0203 29 15 0203 29 55 (1) 0203 29 59	20	33 990	35 535	37 080	38 625
09.4727	H1	1501 00 19	ECU 164/t	2 400	2 400	2 400	2 400
09.4722	H2	1601 00 91	ECU 1 759/t	500	500	500	500

B. PRODUCTS ORIGINATING IN POLAND

(tonnes)

Order No	Group No	CN code	Rate of duty applicable (% of MFN)	Annual quantity			
				From 1. 7. 1997 to 30. 6. 1998	From 1. 7. 1998 to 30. 6. 1999	From 1. 7. 1999 to 30. 6. 2000	From 1. 7. 2000
09.4803	5	0210 11 11 0210 11 19 0210 11 31 0210 11 39 0210 12 11 0210 12 19 0210 19 10 0210 19 20 0210 19 30 0210 19 40 0210 19 51 0210 19 59 0210 19 60 0210 19 70 0210 19 81 0210 19 89	20	3 300	3 450	3 600	3 750

(tonnes)

Order No	Group No	CN code	Rate of duty applicable (% of MFN)	Annual quantity			
				From 1. 7. 1997 to 30. 6. 1998	From 1. 7. 1998 to 30. 6. 1999	From 1. 7. 1999 to 30. 6. 2000	From 1. 7. 2000
09.4805	6	1601 00 91 1601 00 99	20	2 530	2 645	2 760	2 875
09.4806	7	1602 41 10 1602 42 10 1602 49 11 1602 49 13 1602 49 15 1602 49 19 1602 49 30 1602 49 50	20	10 890	11 385	11 880	12 375
09.4820	8	0103 92 19	20	1 540	1 610	1 680	1 750
09.4809	9	0203 11 10 0203 12 11 0203 12 19 0203 19 11 0203 19 13 0203 19 15 0203 19 55 (1) 0203 19 59 0203 21 10 0203 22 11 0203 22 19 0203 29 11 0203 29 13 0203 29 15 0203 29 55 (1) 0203 29 59	20	11 220	11 730	12 240	12 750

C. PRODUCTS ORIGINATING IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC

(tonnes)

Order No	Group No	CN code	Rate of duty applicable (% of MFN)	Annual quantity			
				From 1. 7. 1997 to 30. 6. 1998	From 1. 7. 1998 to 30. 6. 1999	From 1. 7. 1999 to 30. 6. 2000	From 1. 7. 2000
09.4621	10/11	0103 92 19 0203 11 10 0203 12 11 0203 12 19 0203 19 11 0203 19 13 0203 19 15 0203 19 55 (1) 0203 19 59 0203 21 10 0203 22 11 0203 22 19 0203 29 11 0203 29 13 0203 29 15 0203 29 55 (1) 0203 29 59 1602 41 10 1602 42 10 1602 49	20	5 830	6 095	6 360	6 625

D. PRODUCTS ORIGINATING IN THE SLOVAK REPUBLIC

(tonnes)

Order No	Group No	CN code	Rate of duty applicable (% of MFN)	Annual quantity			
				From 1. 7. 1997 to 30. 6. 1998	From 1. 7. 1998 to 30. 6. 1999	From 1. 7. 1999 to 30. 6. 2000	From 1. 7. 2000
09.4621	12/13	0103 92 19 0203 11 10 0203 12 11 0203 12 19 0203 19 11 0203 19 13 0203 19 15 0203 19 55 (1) 0203 19 59 0203 21 10 0203 22 11 0203 22 19 0203 29 11 0203 29 13 0203 29 15 0203 29 55 (1) 0203 29 59 1602 41 10 1602 42 10 1602 49	20	2 530	2 645	2 760	2 875

E. PRODUCTS ORIGINATING IN BULGARIA

(tonnes)

Order No	Group No	CN code	Rate of duty applicable (% of MFN)	Annual quantity			
				From 1. 7. 1997 to 30. 6. 1998	From 1. 7. 1998 to 30. 6. 1999	From 1. 7. 1999 to 30. 6. 2000	From 1. 7. 2000
09.4654	14	0203 11 10 0203 29 55 (1)	20	330	345	360	375

F. PRODUCTS ORIGINATING IN ROMANIA

(tonnes)

Order No	Group No	CN code	Rate of duty applicable (% of MFN)	Annual quantity			
				From 1. 7. 1997 to 30. 6. 1998	From 1. 7. 1998 to 30. 6. 1999	From 1. 7. 1999 to 30. 6. 2000	From 1. 7. 2000
09.4751	15	1601 00 91 1601 00 99	20	990	1 035	1 080	1 125
09.4752	16	1602 41 10 1602 42 10 1602 49 11 1602 49 13 1602 49 15 1602 49 19 1602 49 30 1602 49 50	20	1 870	1 955	2 040	2 125

(tonnes)

Order No	Group No	CN code	Rate of duty applicable (% of MFN)	Annual quantity			
				From 1. 7. 1997 to 30. 6. 1998	From 1. 7. 1998 to 30. 6. 1999	From 1. 7. 1999 to 30. 6. 2000	From 1. 7. 2000
09.4756	17	0203 11 10 0203 12 11 0203 12 19 0203 19 11 0203 19 13 0203 19 15 0203 19 55 (1) 0203 19 59 0203 21 10 0203 22 11 0203 22 19 0203 29 11 0203 29 13 0203 29 15 0203 29 55 (1) 0203 29 59	20	13 750	14 375	15 000	15 625

(1) Excluding tenderloin presented alone.

ANNEX II

Application of Regulation (EC) No 1898/97

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES		DG VI/D/3 Pigmeat sector
Request for import licences at reduced customs duties	Date	Period

Member State:

Sender:

Contact:

Telephone No:

Telefax No:

Group No	Quantity requested
1	
2	
3	
4	
H1	
H2	
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10/11	
12/13	
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16	
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ANNEX III

Application of Regulation (EC) No 1898/97

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES		DG VI/D/3 Pigmeat sector
Request for import licences at reduced customs duties	Date	Period

Member State

Group No	CN code	Applicant (name and address)	Quantity (tonnes)
		Total in tonnes of group number	

ANNEX IV

(tonnes)

Group No	Quantity available
1	2 413,5
2	267,7
3	841
4	10 585,3
H1	1 200
H2	250
5	1 650
6	1 125,3
7	5 170
8	770
9	5 610
10/11	320
12/13	1 265
14	165
15	490
16	904,3
17	6 875