COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2316/97

of 21 November 1997

amending Regulation (EEC) No 3886/92 as regards the information which Member States are required to communicate to the Commission for the premium schemes in the beef and veal sector

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European 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 (EC) No 2222/96 [2], and in particular Articles 4b (8), 4d (8), 4e (1) and (5), 4f (4) and 25 thereof,

Whereas Articles 5 (2), 30 (2), and 56 of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3886/92 of 23 December 1992 laying down detailed rules for the application of the premium schemes provided for in Regulation (EEC) No 805/68 on the common organization of the market in beef and veal and repealing Regulations (EEC) No 1244/82 and (EEC) No 714/89 [3], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1677/97 [4], lay down certain information which Member States are required to communicate to the Commission; whereas for the sake of consistency in respect of the information provided by Member States, a uniform system of notification is required; whereas such harmonization would result in better monitoring of the beef premium schemes;

Whereas certain deadlines create complications in the administration of the premium schemes and in particular the deadline of 30 June, which is the date by which Member States must provide data on the number of premiums granted and also the final date by which all premiums must be paid, in accordance with Articles 4b (6) and 4d (7) of Regulation (EEC) No 805/68; whereas that deadline should be extended to 31 July to allow Member States more time to provide accurate data on the number of premiums actually granted; whereas there are four separate dates each year when data must be provided by Member States; whereas a reduction in the number of times notifications are required would lead to fewer administrative complications; whereas the deadline for information on the functioning of the national reserves should be moved from 30 April to 1 March for initial data and to 31 July for confirmation of those data, in order to simplify the notification process; whereas some simplification should also be extended to information in respect of animals exempted from the density factor;

Whereas the current system of notification does not require Member States to adhere to a consistent format in providing data on the premium schemes; whereas such inconsistency causes difficulties in the analysis and comparison of data; whereas a standard model should be introduced as an Annex to Regulation (EEC) No 3886/92; whereas Member States should be required to use that model when submitting data;

Whereas in order to ascertain the true situation with regard to the number of premium rights held in the national reserves of Member States, the number of unused rights transferred back to the reserves should be included in the calculation; whereas there is currently no requirement for Member States to communicate such data; whereas a provision calling for that information should be included;

Whereas since 1997 the second payment for bulls, with the temporary exception for those reared in certain areas, has been withdrawn, leaving a single premium; whereas there is currently a requirement for Member States to communicate data on the type of animal, whether castrated or not, in respect of the second age bracket only; whereas that does not reflect the introduction of the single premium for bulls; whereas the number of male animals for which premium has been applied for and for which premium has been granted should be notified to the Commission according to the type of animal, whether castrated or not, in respect of both age brackets;

Whereas information notified to the Commission in respect of the processing premium should make reference to the different breeds of calf eligible under the scheme and their differential payment rates; whereas the animal numbers provided by Member States should be broken down according to the type of animal, whether or not dairy;

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

Regulation (EEC) No 3886/92 is hereby amended as follows:

1. Article 5 (2) (b) shall be amended as follows:

[1] OJ L 148, 28. 6. 1968, p. 24.
[2] OJ L 296, 21. 11. 1996, p. 50.
[3] OJ L 391, 31. 12. 1992, p. 20.
[4] OJ L 238, 29. 8. 1997, p. 1.

(a) in the first line, the date '30 June' shall be replaced by '31 July';

(b) the following sentence shall be added:

'These details shall be communicated using the table set out in Annex V.';

2. Article 30 (2) shall be replaced by the following:

'2. Using the table set out in Annex V, Member States shall notify the Commission at the latest by 1 March, provisionally, and by 31 July, definitively, for each calendar year of:

— the number of premium rights paid to the national reserve following transfers of rights without transfers of holdings during the preceding calendar year,

— the number of unused premium rights referred to in Article 33 (2) transferred to the national reserve during the preceding calendar year,

— the number of premium rights granted pursuant to Article 4f (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 805/68 during the preceding calendar year,

— the total number of premium rights granted to producers in less favoured areas from the additional reserve during the preceding calendar year.';

3. Article 56 shall be amended as follows:

(a) paragraph 1 shall be amended as follows:

(i) in point (a), the second indent shall be replaced by the following:

'— type of animal, whether or not castrated;'

(ii) point (c) shall be deleted;

(b) the following paragraph 1a shall be inserted:

'1a. Member States shall notify the Commission annually by 1 March at the latest of the number of animals in respect of which the premium exempt from the density factor has been applied for in the preceding calendar year.';

(c) paragraph 2 shall be amended as follows:

(i) in the introductory part, the date '30 June' shall be replaced by '31 July';

(ii) in point (a), the second indent shall be replaced by the following:

'— type of animal, whether or not castrated';

(iii) point (e) shall be replaced by the following:

'(e) where applicable, the number of animals for which the processing premium was actually granted broken down by the type of animal whether or not dairy.';

(d) the following paragraph 3 shall be added:

'3. Member States shall communicate the details set out in paragraphs 1, 1a and 2 using the table set out in Annex V.';

4. the text in the Annex to this Regulation shall be added as Annex V.

Article 2

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

It shall apply from 1 January 1998.

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

Done at Brussels, 21 November 1997.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

ANNEX

'ANNEX V

Table referred to in Articles 5 (2) (b), 30 (2) and 56 (3)

1. SPECIAL BEEF PREMIUM

Number of animals

Regulation (EEC) No	Deadline for submission	Reference	Information required	General scheme and slaughter scheme				Slaughter scheme only (1)	
				First age bracket		Second age bracket		Both age brackets together	
				Uncastrated	Castrated	Uncastrated	Castrated	Uncastrated	Castrated
3886/92 Article 56 (1) (a)	15 September (2)	1.1	Number of animals applied for January to June						
	1 March (3)	1.2	Number of animals applied for July to December						
3886/92 Article 56 (2) (a)	31 July (3)	1.3	Number of animals accepted (4) Full year						
				First age bracket	Second age bracket			Both age brackets together	
3886/92 Article 5 (2) (b)	31 July (3)	1.4	Number of animals not accepted on account of the application of the regional ceiling						

Number of producers

Regulation (EEC) No	Deadline for submission	Reference	Information required	General scheme and slaughter scheme			Slaughter scheme only
				First age bracket	Second age bracket	Both age brackets	Bothe age brackets together only
3886/92 Article 56 (2) (a)	31 July (3)	1.5	Number of producers granted premium				

2. DESEASONALIZATION PREMIUM

Regulation (EEC) No	Deadline for submission	Reference	Information required (1)	First age bracket	Second age bracket	Both age brackets together
3886/92 Article 56 (1) (d)	15 September (2)	2.1	Number of animals			
		2.2	Number of producers			
	1 March (3)	2.3	Number of animals			
		2.4	Number of producers			

3. SUCKLER COW PREMIUM

Regulation (EEC) No	Deadline for submission	Reference	Information required	Pure suckler	Mixed herds
3886/92 Article 56 (1) (b)	15 September (2)	3.1	Number of animals applied for January to June		
	1 March (3)	3.2	Number of animals applied for July to December		
3886/92 Article 56 (2) (b)	31 July (3)	3.3	Number of animals accepted (4) Full year		
		3.4	Number of producers granted premium Full year		
				Amount per head	Conditions for granting premium
3886/92 Article 56 (2) (c)	31 July (3)	3.5	National premium		Please attach copy of specific national regulations governing payment of national premium

4. ADDITIONAL AMOUNT FOR EXTENSIFICATION

Regulation (EEC) No	Deadline for submission	Reference	Information required	Special premium		Suckler cow premium		Both premiums	
				Density ⩾ 1 < 1,4	Density < 1,0	Density ⩾ 1 < 1,4	Density < 1,0	Density ⩾ 1 < 1,4	Density < 1,0
3886/92 Article 56 (2) (a) and (b)	31 July (3)	4.1	Number of animals accepted (4)						
		4.2	Number of producers granted premium (6)						

5. PREMIUM EXEMPT FROM THE DENSITY FACTOR

Regulation (EEC) No	Deadline for submission	Reference	Information required	Animals	Producers
3886/92 Article 56 (1) (a)	1 March (3)	5.1	Number of animals in respect of which the premium exempt from application of the density factor has been applied for January to December		
3886/92 Article 56 (1) (a)	31 July (3)	5.2	Number of animals and producers in respect of which the premium exempt from the application of the density factor was granted		

6. PROCESSING PREMIUM

Regulation (EEC) No	Deadline for submission	Reference	Information required	Animals	
				Dairy breed	Non dairy breed
3886/92 Article 56 (2) (e) Article 49 (4)	31 July (3)	6.1	Number of animals for which the processing premium was granted in the preceding calendar year		

7. SUCKLER COW QUOTA

Regulation (EEC) No	Deadline for submission	Reference	Balance of rights at start of year		Rights ceded to National Reserve arising from		Rights attributed free of charge		Balance of rights at end of year	
					(a)	(b)				
3886/92 Article 30 (2)	1 March (3) (provisional)	7.1		Of which: LFA reserve	Transfers without holding	Insufficient usage	From National Reserve	Of which: from LFA reserve		Of which: LFA reserve
3886/92 Article 30 (2)	31 July (3) (confirmation)	7.2								

(1) It will be assumed that both premiums have been claimed (1.1 and 1.2)/granted (1.3) in respect of the animal numbers entered in this column.

(2) Data requested relates to the current calendar year.

(3) Data requested relates to the preceding calendar year.

(4) "Animals accepted" means the number of animals for which premium was actually granted. (Animals accepted for both age brackets special beef premiums in the same year are counted twice).

(5) Data relates to animals/producers granted premium. However, Member States may add information on claims if payments are still provisional. (For animals, each column relates to the number of animals accepted for such premium).'