COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1297/98

of 23 June 1998

fixing the weighting coefficients to be used in calculating the Community market price for pig carcases and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1205/97

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 4(6) thereof,

Whereas the Community market price for pig carcases, as referred to in Article 4(2) of Regulation (EEC) No 2759/75, must be established by weighting the prices recorded in each Member State by coefficients expressing the relative size of the pig population of each Member State; whereas these coefficients should be determined on the basis of the number of pigs counted at the beginning of December each year in accordance with Council Directive 93/23/EEC of 1 June 1993 concerning surveys of pig production to be made by the Member States [3];

Whereas, in view of the results of the census of December 1997 the weighting coefficients fixed by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1205/97 [4] should be adjusted;

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

The weighting coefficients referred to in Article 4(2) of Regulation (EEC) No 2759/75 shall be as specified in the Annex hereto.

Article 2

Regulation (EC) No 1205/97 is hereby repealed.

Article 3

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

It shall apply from 1 July 1998.

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

Done at Brussels, 23 June 1998.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

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[1] OJ L 282, 1. 11. 1975, p. 1.
[2] OJ L 349, 31. 12. 1994, p. 105.
[3] OJ L 149, 21. 6. 1993, p. 1.
[4] OJ L 170, 28. 6. 1997, p. 30.

ANNEX

Weighting coefficients to be used in calculating the Community market price for pig carcases

Belgium	6,3
Denmark	9,7
Germany	20,9
Greece	0,8
Spain	16,3
France	13,0
Ireland	1,4
Italy	6,9
Luxembourg	0,1
Netherlands	9,6
Austria	3,1
Portugal	2,0
Finland	1,2
Sweden	2,0
United Kingdom	6,7