COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No 1365/98

of 26 June 1998

fixing the basic price and the standard quality for pig carcases for the period 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

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 organisation of the market in pigmeat [1], and in particular Article 4(4) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission [2],

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament [3],

Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee [4],

Whereas, when the basic price for slaughtered pigs is fixed, account should be taken of the objectives of the common agricultural policy; whereas the objectives of the common agricultural policy are in particular to ensure a fair standard of living for the agricultural community, to ensure that supplies are available and that they reach consumers at reasonable prices;

Whereas the basic price must be fixed in accordance with the criteria laid down in Article 4(1) of Regulation (EEC) No 2759/75 for a standard quality defined by reference to Council Regulation (EEC) No 3220/84 of 13 November 1984 determining the Community scale for grading pig carcases [5],

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

For the period 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999, the basic price for slaughtered pigs of the standard quality shall be ECU 1 509,39 per tonne.

Article 2

The standard quality shall be defined in terms of carcase weight and lean meat content, determined in accordance with Article 2(2) and (3) of Regulation (EEC) No 3220/84, as follows:

(a) carcases weighing 60 to less than 120 kg: grade E;

(b) carcases weighing 120 to 180 kg: grade R.

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 Luxembourg, 26 June 1998.

For the Council
The President
J. CUNNINGHAM

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[1] OJ L 282, 1. 11. 1975, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 3290/94 (OJ L 349, 31. 12. 1994, p. 105) and by the 1994 Act of Accession.
[2] OJ C 87, 23. 3. 1998, p. 26.
[3] Opinion delivered on 16 June 1998 (not yet published in the Official Journal).
[4] Opinion delivered on 29 April 1998 (not yet published in the Official Journal).
[5] OJ L 301, 20. 11. 1984, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 3513/93 (OJ L 320, 22. 12. 1993, p. 5).