# COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2607/98

## of 3 December 1998

## on the sale by tender of beef held by certain intervention agencies and intended for the production of minced meat

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 organisation of the market in beef and veal [1], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1633/98 [2], and in particular Article 7(3) thereof,

Whereas the application of intervention measures in respect of beef has created stocks in several Member States; whereas, in order to prevent an excessive prolongation of storage, part of these stocks should be sold by tender for the production of minced meat in the Community;

Whereas to ensure efficient management of the markets, sales of intervention stocks should be extended to producers of minced meat approved in accordance with Article 8 of Council Directive 94/65/EC of 14 December 1994 laying down the requirements for the production and placing on the market of minced meat and meat preparations [3];

Whereas the sale should be made subject to the rules laid down by Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2173/79 [4], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2417/95 [5], in particular Titles II and III thereof, subject to certain special exceptions on account of the particular use to which the products in question are to be put;

Whereas, with a view to ensuring a regular and uniform tendering procedure, measures should be taken in addition to those laid down in Article 8(1) of Regulation (EEC) No 2173/79;

Whereas provision should be made for derogations from Article 8(2)(b) of Regulation (EEC) No 2173/79, in view of the administrative difficulties which application of this point creates in the Member States concerned;

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*

1. The sale shall take place, of products bought into intervention pursuant to Article 6 of Regulation (EEC) No 805/68 in September and October 1997, of:

— approximately 800 tonnes of boneless beef held by the Irish intervention agency,

— approximately 1 000 tonnes of boneless beef held by the United Kingdom intervention agency.

Detailed information concerning quantities is given in Annex I.

2. Subject to the provisions of this Regulation the products referred to in paragraph 1 shall be sold in accordance with Regulation (EEC) No 2173/79, in particular Titles II and III thereof.

*Article 2*

1. Notwithstanding Articles 6 and 7 of Regulation (EEC) No 2173/79, the provisions of and Annexes to this Regulation shall serve as a general notice of invitation to tender.

The intervention agencies concerned shall draw up a notice of invitation to tender which shall include the following:

(a) the quantities of beef offered for sale;

and

(b) the deadline and place for submitting tenders.

2. Interested parties may obtain the details of the quantities available and the places where the products are stored from the addresses listed in Annex II to this Regulation. The intervention agencies shall, in addition, display the notice referred to in paragraph 1 at their head offices and may publish it in other ways.

3. For each product mentioned in Annex I the intervention agencies concerned shall sell first the meat which has been stored the longest.

[1] OJ L 148, 28. 6. 1968, p. 24.
[2] OJ L 210, 28. 7. 1998, p. 17.
[3] OJ L 368, 31. 12. 1994, p. 10.
[4] OJ L 251, 5. 10. 1979, p. 12.
[5] OJ L 248, 14. 10. 1995, p. 39.

4. Only tenders which reach the intervention agencies concerned by 12 noon on 7 December 1998 shall be considered.

5. Notwithstanding Article 8(1) of Regulation (EEC) No 2173/79, a tender shall be submitted to the intervention agency concerned in a closed envelope, bearing the reference to the Regulation concerned. The closed envelope shall not be opened by the intervention agency before the expiry of the tender deadline referred to in paragraph 4.

6. Notwithstanding Article 8(2)(b) of Regulation (EEC) No 2173/79, tenders shall not indicate in which cold store or stores the products are held.

*Article 3*

1. Member States shall provide the Commission with information concerning the tenders received not later than the working day following the deadline set for the submission of tenders.

2. After the tenders received have been examined a minimum selling price shall be set for each product or the sale will not proceed.

*Article 4*

1. A tender shall be valid only if presented by or on behalf of an establishment approved in accordance with Article 8(1) of Directive 94/65/EC as a producer of minced meat or minced meat preparations. Member States shall consult with each other where necessary for the application of this paragraph.

2. Tenders shall be accompanied by:

— a written undertaking by the tenderer to use all the meat concerned for the production of minced meat as defined by Article 2(2)(a) and (b) of Directive 94/65/EC within three months of the date of conclusion of the contract of sale with the intervention agency,

— details of the exact location of the establishment or establishments of the tenderer in which the minced meat is to be produced.

3. The tenderers referred to in paragraph 1 may instruct an agent in writing to take delivery, on their behalf, of the products which they purchase. In this case the agent shall submit the bids of the tenderers whom he represents with the written instruction referred to above.

4. The purchasers and agents referred to in the preceding paragraphs shall maintain and keep up to date an accounting system which permits the destination and use of the products to be ascertained with a view in particular to ensuring that the quantities of products purchased and the quantities of minced meat produced correspond. For the purposes of administrative supervision, where appropriate the intervention agency holding the products concerned shall send the competent authority of the Member State in which the minced meat is to be produced a certified copy of the sales contract.

*Article 5*

1. The mincing of meat purchased under this Regulation shall be carried out within three months of the date of conclusion of the contract of sale.

2. Documentation to prove compliance with the requirement referred to in paragraph 1 shall be provided to the competent authority of the Member State in which the minced meat is produced within five months of the date of conclusion of the contract of sale.

*Article 6*

Member States shall set up a system of physical and documentary supervision to ensure that all meat is minced in accordance with Article 5(1).

To this end, processors shall at any time be able to demonstrate the identity and use of the meat through appropriate production records.

*Article 7*

1. The security provided for in Article 15(1) of Regulation (EEC) No 2173/79 shall be ECU 12 per 100 kilograms.

2. A security intended to cover the mincing of the products shall be lodged with the competent authority of the Member State in which the mincing is to take place, prior to taking over the meat.

The amount shall be the difference in ecus between the tender price per tonne and ECU 2 700.

The mincing of all meat purchased shall constitute a primary requirement within the meaning of Article 20 of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2220/85 [1].

*Article 8*

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

[1] OJ L 205, 3. 8. 1985, p. 5.

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

Done at Brussels, 3 December 1998.

*For the Commission*
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*Member of the Commission*

*ANEXO I — BILAG I — ANHANG I — ΠΑΡΑΡΤΗΜΑ I — ANNEX I — ANNEXE I — ALLEGATO I — BIJLAGE I — ANEXO I — LIITE I — BILAGA I*

| Estado miembro | Productos (1) | Cantidad aproximada (toneladas) |
|---|---|---|
| Medlemsstat | Produkter (1) | Tilnærmet mængde (tons) |
| Mitgliedstaat | Erzeugnisse (1) | Ungefähre Mengen (Tonnen) |
| Κράτος μέλος | Προϊόντα (1) | Κατά προσέγγιση ποσότητα (τόνοι) |
| Member State | Products (1) | Approximate quantity (tonnes) |
| État membre | Produits (1) | Quantité approximative (tonnes) |
| Stato membro | Prodotti (1) | Quantità approssimativa (tonnellate) |
| Lidstaat | Producten (1) | Hoeveelheid bij benadering (ton) |
| Estado-membro | Produtos (1) | Quantidade aproximada (toneladas) |
| Jäsenvaltio | Tuotteet (1) | Arvioitu määrä (tonneina) |
| Medlemsstat | Produkter (1) | Ungefärlig kvantitet (ton) |
| **Carne deshuesada — Udbenet kød — Fleisch ohne Knochen — Κρέατα χωρίς κόκαλα — Boneless beef — Viande désossée — Carni senza osso — Vlees zonder been — Carne desossada — Luuton naudanliha — Benfritt kött** | | |
| IRELAND | — Intervention flank (INT 18) | 400 |
| | — Intervention forequarter (INT 24) | 400 |
| UNITED KINGDOM | — Intervention flank (INT 18) | 500 |
| | — Intervention forequarter (INT 24) | 500 |

(1) Véanse los anexos V y VII del Reglamento (CEE) nº 2456/93 de la Comisión (DO L 225 de 4. 9. 1993, p. 4), cuya última modificación la constituye el Reglamento (CE) nº 2602/97 (DO L 351 de 23. 12. 1997, p. 20).

(1) Se bilag V og VII til Kommissionens forordning (EØF) nr. 2456/93 (EFT L 225 af 4. 9. 1993, s. 4), senest ændret ved forordning (EF) nr. 2602/97 (EFT L 351 af 23. 12. 1997, s. 20).

(1) Vgl. Anhänge V und VII der Verordnung (EWG) Nr. 2456/93 der Kommission (ABl. L 225 vom 4. 9. 1993, S. 4), zuletzt geändert durch die Verordnung (EG) Nr. 2602/97 (ABl. L 351 vom 23. 12. 1997, S. 20).

(1) Βλέπε παραρτήματα V και VII του κανονισμού (ΕΟΚ) αριθ. 2456/93 της Επιτροπής (ΕΕ L 225 της 4. 9. 1993, σ. 4), όπως τροποποιήθηκε τελευταία από τον κανονισμό (ΕΚ) αριθ. 2602/97 (ΕΕ L 351 της 23. 12. 1997, σ. 20).

(1) See Annexes V and VII to Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2456/93 (OJ L 225, 4.9.1993, p. 4), as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2602/97 (OJ L 351, 23.12.1997, p. 20).

(1) Voir annexes V et VII du règlement (CEE) nº 2456/93 de la Commission (JO L 225 du 4. 9. 1993, p. 4). Règlement modifié en dernier lieu par le règlement (CE) nº 2602/97 (JO L 351 du 23. 12. 1997, p. 20).

(1) Cfr. allegati V e VII del regolamento (CEE) n. 2456/93 della Commissione (GU L 225 del 4. 9. 1993, pag. 4), modificato da ultimo dal regolamento (CE) n. 2602/97 (GU L 351 del 23. 12. 1997, pag. 20).

(1) Zie de bijlagen V en VII van Verordening (EEG) nr. 2456/93 van de Commissie (PB L 225 van 4. 9. 1993, blz. 4), laatstelijk gewijzigd bij Verordening (EG) nr. 2602/97 (PB L 351 van 23. 12. 1997, blz. 20).

(1) Ver anexos V e VII do Regulamento (CEE) nº 2456/93 da Comissão (JO L 225 de 4. 9. 1993, p. 4). Regulamento com a última redacção que lhe foi dada pelo Regulamento (CE) nº 2602/97 (JO L 351 de 23. 12. 1997, p. 20).

(1) Katso komission asetuksen (ETY) N:o 2456/93 (EYVL L 225, 4.9.1993, s. 4), sellaisena kuin se on viimeksi muutettuna asetuksella (EY) N:o 2602/97 (EYVL L 351, 23.12.1997, s. 20) liitteet V ja VII.

(1) Se bilaga V och VII i förordning (EEG) nr 2456/93 (EGT L 225, 4.9.1993, s. 4), senast ändrad genom förordning (EG) nr 2602/97 (EGT L 351, 23.12.1997, s. 20).

*ANEXO II — BILAG II — ANHANG II — ΠΑΡΑΡΤΗΜΑ II — ANNEX II — ANNEXE II — ALLEGATO II — BIJLAGE II — ANEXO II — LIITE II — BILAGA II*

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