COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 445/98

of 25 February 1998

on the sale, at prices fixed in advance, of beef held by certain intervention agencies, with a view to their processing in the Community

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 2634/97 [2], and in particular Article 7(3) thereof,

Whereas the introduction of intervention in beef has resulted in a build-up of stocks in several Member states; whereas, in order to prevent storage being prolonged excessively, part of these stocks should be sold by tendering procedure for processing in the Community;

Whereas this sale should be subject to the rules laid down in Commission Regulations (EEC) No 2173/79 [3], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2417/95 [4], (EEC) No 3002/92 [5], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 770/96 [6], and (EEC) No 2182/77 [7], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2417/95, subject to certain special exceptions on account of the particular use to which the products in question are to be put;

Whereas, in order to ensure consistent and permanent sales, Title I of Regulation (EEC) No 2173/79, in particular, should be applied;

Whereas, to ensure economic management of stocks, the intervention agencies should give priority to selling the meat which has been stored the longest;

Whereas provision should be made for derogations from the second subparagraph of Article 2(2) of Regulation (EEC) No 2173/79 in view of the administrative difficulties which the application of this rule is creating in certain Member States;

Whereas, to ensure optimum monitoring of the destination of beef from intervention stocks, control measures should be taken, in addition to the measures provided for in Regulation (EEC) No 3002/92, which are based on physical inspection of quantities and qualities;

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 approximately:

— 400 tonnes of bone-in forequarters held by the Portuguese intervention agency,

— 3 000 tonnes of bone-in forequarters held by the German intervention agency,

— 1 000 tonnes of bone-in forequarters held by the Austrian intervention agency,

— 450 tonnes of bone-in forequarters held by the Danish intervention agency,

— 2 000 tonnes of bone-in forequarters held by the French intervention agency,

— 3 000 tonnes of bone-in forequarters held by the Italian intervention agency,

— 2 000 tonnes of bone-in forequarters held by the Spanish intervention agency,

— 400 tonnes of bone-in forequarters held by the Irish intervention agency,

— 3 000 tonnes of boneless beef held by the Irish intervention agency,

— 850 tonnes of boneless beef held by the Danish intervention agency,

— 3 000 tonnes of boneless beef held by the French intervention agency,

— 3 000 tonnes of boneless beef held by the United Kingdom intervention agency.

Detailed information concerning the products and their selling prices 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 Regulations (EEC) No 2173/79, in particular Titles I and III, (EEC) No 2182/77 and (EEC) No 3002/92.

[1] OJ L 148, 28. 6. 1968, p. 24.
[2] OJ L 356, 31. 12. 1997, p. 13.
[3] OJ L 251, 5. 10. 1979, p. 12.
[4] OJ L 248, 14. 10. 1995, p. 39.
[5] OJ L 301, 17. 10. 1992, p. 17.
[6] OJ L 104, 27. 4. 1996, p. 13.
[7] OJ L 251, 1. 10. 1977, p. 60.

3. Particulars of the quantities and the place where the products are stored may be obtained by interested parties at the addresses given in Annex II.

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

5. Notwithstanding the second subparagraph of Article 2(2) of Regulation (EEC) No 2173/79, purchase applications shall not indicate in which store or stores the meat is held.

Article 2

1. Purchase applications shall be valid only if presented by or on behalf of a person or legal entity who, for the 12 months prior to the entry into force of this Regulation, has been engaged in the processing of products containing beef and who is entered in a national VAT register. In addition, applications must be presented by or on behalf of a processing establishment approved in accordance with Article 8 of Council Directive 77/99/EEC [1].

For the purposes of the preceding subparagraph, a retail or catering establishment or an establishment attached to a retail sales outlet where meat is processed and put up for sale to the final consumer shall not be taken into consideration.

2. Notwithstanding Article 3(1) and (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 2182/77, applications shall be accompanied by:

— a written undertaking by the purchaser to process the meat into the products specified in Article 3 within the period referred to in Article 5(1) of Regulation (EEC) No 2182/77,

— precise details of the establishment or establishments where the meat purchased is to be processed.

3. The purchasers 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 agents shall submit the purchase applications of the purchaser whom they represent together 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 processed tally.

[1] OJ L 26, 31. 1. 1977, p. 85.

Article 3

1. Meat purchased in accordance with this Regulation shall be processed into products which comply with the definitions for A products and B products set out in paragraphs 2 and 3 below.

2. An 'A' product means a processed product falling within CN code 1602 10 00, 1602 50 31, 1602 50 39 or 1602 50 80, not containing meat other than that of animals of the bovine species, with a collagen/protein ratio of no more than 0,45 % [2] and containing by weight at least 20 % [3] of lean meat excluding offal [4] and fat with meat and jelly accounting for at least 85 % of the total net weight.

The product must be subjected to a heat treatment sufficient to ensure the coagulation of meat proteins in the whole of the product which may not show any traces of a pinkish liquid on the cut surface when the product is cut along a line passing through its thickest part.

3. A 'B' product means a processed product containing beef, other than:

— one specified in Article 1(1)(a) of Regulation (EEC) No 805/68, or

— one referred to in paragraph 2.

However, a processed product falling within CN code 0210 20 90 which has been dried or smoked so that the colour and consistency of the fresh meat has totally disappeared and with a water/protein ratio not exceeding 3,2 shall be considered to be a B product.

Article 4

1. Member States shall set up a system of physical and documentary supervision to ensure that all meat is processed in accordance with Article 3.

The system must include physical checks of quantity and quality at the start of the processing, during the processing and after the processing operation is completed. To this end, processors shall at any time be able to demonstrate the identity and use of the meat through appropriate production records.

[2] Determination of collagen content: the collagen content shall be taken to mean the hydroxyproline content multiplied by the factor 8. The hydroxyproline content must be determined according to ISO method 3496-1978.

[3] The lean bovine meat content excluding fat is determined in accordance with the procedure described in the Annex to Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2429/86 (OJ L 210, 1. 8. 1986, p. 39).

[4] Offal includes the following: heads and cuts thereof (including ears), feet, tails, hearts, udders, livers, kidneys, sweetbreads (thymus gland with pancreas), brains, lungs, throats, thick skirts, spleens, tongues, caul, spinal cords, edible skin, reproductive organs (i.e. uteri, ovaries and testes), thyroid glands, pituitary glands.

Technical verification of the production method by the competent authority may, to the extent necessary, make allowance for drip losses and trimmings.

In order to verify the quality of the finished product and establish its conformity with the processor's recipe Member States shall undertake representative sampling and analysis of the product. The costs of such operations shall be borne by the processor concerned.

2. Member States may, at the request of the processor, authorise the deboning of bone-in forequarters in an establishment other than that provided for in respect of processing provided the relevant operations take place in the same Member State under appropriate supervision.

3. Article 1 of Regulation (EEC) No 2182/77 shall not apply.

Article 5

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

2. The security provided for in Article 4(1) of Regulation (EEC) No 2182/77 shall be:

— ECU 1 000 for bone-in forequarters,

— ECU 1 500 for boneless beef.

3. Notwithstanding Article 5(3) of Regulation (EEC) No 2182/77, the processing of all beef purchased into finished products as referred to in Article 3 shall consitute a principal requirement.

Article 6

Notwithstanding Article 9 of Regulation (EEC) No 2182/77, in addition to the entries provided for in Regulation (EEC) No 3002/92:

— Section 104 of T5 control copies must be completed with one or more of the following:

  — Para transformación [Reglamentos (CEE) nº 2182/77 y (CE) nº 445/98]

  — Til forarbejdning (forordning (EØF) nr. 2182/77 og (EF) nr. 445/98)

  — Zur Verarbeitung bestimmt (Verordnungen (EWG) Nr. 2182/77 und (EG) Nr. 445/98)

  — Για μεταποίηση [κανονισμοί (ΕΟΚ) αριθ. 2182/77 και (ΕΚ) αριθ. 445/98]

  — For processing (Regulations (EEC) No 2182/77 and (EC) No 445/98)

  — Destinés à la transformation [règlements (CEE) nº 2182/77 et (CE) nº 445/98]

  — Destinate alla trasformazione [regolamenti (CEE) n. 2182/77 e (CE) n. 445/98]

  — Bestemd om te worden verwerkt (Verordeningen (EEG) nr. 2182/77 en (EG) nr. 445/98)

  — Para transformação [Regulamentos (CEE) nº 2182/77 e (CE) nº 445/98]

  — Jalostettavaksi (Asetukset (ETY) N:o 2182/77 ja (EY) N:o 445/98)

  — För bearbetning (Förordningarna (EEG) nr 2182/77 och (EG) nr 445/98),

— Section 106 of T 5 control copies must be completed with the date of conclusion of the contract of sale.

Article 7

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

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

Done at Brussels, 25 February 1998.

For the Commission

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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)	Precio de venta expresado en ecus por tonelada
Medlemsstat	Produkter (1)	Tilnærmet mængde (tons)	Salgspriser i ECU/ton
Mitgliedstaat	Erzeugnisse (1)	Ungefähre Mengen (Tonnen)	Verkaufspreise, ausgedrückt in ECU/Tonne
Κράτος μέλος	Προϊόντα (1)	Κατά προσέγγιση ποσότητα (τόνοι)	Τιμές πωλήσεως εκφραζόμενες σε Ecu ανά τόνο
Member State	Products (1)	Approximate quantity (tonnes)	Selling prices expressed in ecus per tonne
État membre	Produits (1)	Quantité approximative (tonnes)	Prix de vente exprimés en écus par tonne
Stato membro	Prodotti (1)	Quantità approssimativa (tonnellate)	Prezzi di vendita espressi in ecu per tonnellata
Lidstaat	Producten (1)	Hoeveelheid bij benadering (ton)	Verkoopprijzen uitgedrukt in ECU per ton
Estado-membro	Produtos (1)	Quantidade aproximada (toneladas)	Preço de venda expresso em ecus por tonelada
Jäsenvaltio	Tuotteet (1)	Arvioitu määrä (tonneina)	Myyntihinta ecuina tonnilta
Medlemsstat	Produkter (1)	Ungefärlig kvantitet (ton)	Försäljningspris i ecu per ton

a) **Carne con hueso — Kød, ikke udbenet — Fleisch mit Knochen — Κρέατα με κόκαλα — Bone-in-beef — Viande avec os — Carni non disossate — Vlees met been — Carne com osso — Luullinen naudanliha — Kött med ben**

DEUTSCHLAND	— Vorderviertel	3 000	1 000
DANMARK	— Forfjerdinger (A)	450	1 000
ITALIA	— Quarti anteriori	3 000	1 000
IRELAND	— Forequarters	400	1 000
FRANCE	— Quartiers avant	2 000	1 000
ÖSTERREICH	— Vorderviertel	1 000	1 000
PORTUGAL	— Quartos dianteiros	400	1 000
ESPAÑA	— Cuartos delanteros	2 000	1 000

b) **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**

DANMARK	Interventionsslag (INT 18)	50	1 300
	Interventionsbryst (INT 23)	800	1 300
FRANCE	Jarret arrière d'intervention (INT 11)	500	1 450
	Flanchet d'intervention (INT 18)	500	1 300
	Jarret avant d'intervention (INT 21)	500	1 450
	Épaule d'intervention (INT 22)	500	1 700
	Poitrine d'intervention (INT 23)	500	1 400
	Avant d'intervention (INT 24)	500	1 550
UNITED KINGDOM	Intervention shank (INT 11)	500	1 200
	Intervention flank (INT 18)	500	1 000
	Intervention shin (INT 21)	500	1 200
	Intervention shoulder (INT 22)	500	1 800
	Intervention brisket (INT 23)	500	1 100
	Intervention forequarter (INT 24)	500	1 600
IRELAND	Intervention shank (INT 11)	500	1 300
	Intervention flank (INT 18)	500	1 100
	Intervention shin (INT 21)	500	1 300
	Intervention shoulder (INT 22)	500	1 500
	Intervention brisket (INT 23)	500	1 200
	Intervention forequarter (INT 24)	500	1 450

(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 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) liite V ja VII.

(1) Se bilaga V och VII i kommissionens 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).

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