COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2589/1999

of 8 December 1999

amending Regulation (EC) No 2424/1999 laying down detailed rules of application for an import tariff quota of dried boneless beef provided for in Council Regulation (EC) No 2249/1999

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 2249/1999 of 22 October 1999 opening a Community tariff quota for the import of meat of bovine animals, boneless, dried [1], and in particular Article 2 thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Commission Regulation (EC) No 2424/1999 of 15 November 1999 [2] lays down the detailed rules of application for the import quota provided provided for in Regulation (EC) No 2249/1999; the definition of dried boneless meat as laid down in the former Regulation should be amended to take account of commercial practice; for the same reason the provisions relating to claims for reimbursements of excess customs duties should be amended;

(2) 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 (EC) No 2424/1999 is amended as follows:

1. Article 1(3) is replaced by the following text:

'3. Importation under the said quota shall be reserved for dried boneless meat meeting the following definition:

"Cuts of meat from haunches of bovine animals aged at least 18 months, with no visible intramuscular fat (3 to 7 %) and a pH of the fresh meat between 5,4 and 6,0; salted, seasoned, pressed, dried only in fresh dry air and developing noble mould (bloom of microscopic fungi). The weight of the finished product is between 41 % and 53 % of the raw material before salting."'

2. The second subparagraph of Article 8(1) is replaced by the following text:

'No later than 21 January 2000, the application for repayment shall be made in accordance with Articles 878 to 898 of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2454/93 (*) and shall be accompanied by either a copy of the certificate referred to in the Notice to importers relating to the import of dried meat of bovine animals (**) or a certificate issued by the authority referred to in Annex II certifying that according to available production records the meat concerned meets the definition laid down in Article 1(3).

(*) OJ L 253, 11.10.1993, p. 1.
(**) OJ C 266, 21.9.1999, p. 5.'

3. In Article 8(2) and (3) the date of '1 December 1999' shall be replaced by '28 January 2000'.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third 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, 8 December 1999.

For the Commission
Franz FISCHLER
Member of the Commission

[1] OJ L 275, 26.10.1999, p. 2.
[2] OJ L 294, 16.11.1999, p. 13.