COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2556/2000
of 20 November 2000
fixing the export refunds on beef and veal

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1254/1999 of 17 May 1999 on the common organisation of the market in beef and veal [1], and in particular Article 33(12) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Article 33 of Regulation (EC) No 1254/1999 provides that the difference between prices on the world market for the products listed in Article 1 of that Regulation and prices for those products within the Community may be covered by an export refund.

(2) Regulation (EEC) No 32/82 [2], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 744/2000 [3], Regulation (EEC) No 1964/82 [4], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1470/2000 [5], and Regulation (EEC) No 2388/84 [6], as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 3661/92 [7], lay down the conditions for granting special export refunds on certain cuts of beef and veal and certain preserved beef and veal products.

(3) It follows from applying those rules and criteria to the foreseeable situation on the market in beef and veal that the refund should be as set out below.

(4) Given the current market situation in the Community and the possibilities of disposal in certain third countries in particular, export refunds should be granted, on the one hand, on bovine animals intended for slaughter of a live weight greater than 220 kilograms and less than 300 kilograms, and, on the other on adult bovine animals of a live weight of at least 300 kilograms.

(5) Export refunds should be granted for certain destinations on some fresh or chilled meat listed in the Annex I under CN code 0201, on some frozen meat listed in the Annex I under CN code 0202, on some meat or offal listed in the Annex I under CN code 0206 and on some other prepared or preserved meat or offal listed in the Annex I under CN code 1602 50 10.

(6) In view of the wide differences in products covered by CN codes 0201 20 90 9700 and 0202 20 90 9100 used for refund purposes, refunds should only be granted on cuts in which the weight of bone does not exceed one third.

(7) In the case of meat of bovine animals, boned or boneless, salted and dried, there are traditional trade flows to Switzerland. To allow this trade to continue, the refund should be set to cover the difference between prices on the Swiss market and export prices in the Member States.

(8) In the case of certain other cuts and preserves of meat or offal shown in Annex I under CN codes 1602 50 31 to 1602 50 80, the Community share of international trade may be maintained by granting a refund corresponding to that at present available.

(9) In the case of other beef and veal products, a refund need not be fixed since the Community's share of world trade is not significant.

(10) Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3846/87 [8], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2425/2000 [9], establishes the agricultural product nomenclature for the purposes of export refunds.

(11) In order to simplify customs export formalities for operators, the refunds on all frozen cuts should be brought into line with those on fresh or chilled cuts other than those from adult male bovine animals.

[1] OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 21.
[2] OJ L 4, 8.1.1982, p. 11.
[3] OJ L 89, 11.4.2000, p. 3.
[4] OJ L 212, 21.7.1982, p. 48.
[5] OJ L 165, 6.7.2000, p. 16.
[6] OJ L 221, 18.8.1984, p. 28.
[7] OJ L 370, 19.12.1992, p. 16.
[8] OJ L 366, 24.12.1987, p. 1.
[9] OJ L 279, 1.11.2000, p. 14.

(12) Checks on products covered by CN code 1602 50 should be stepped up by making the granting of refunds on these products conditional on manufacture under the arrangements provided for in Article 4 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 565/80 of 4 March 1980 on the advance payment of export refunds in respect of agricultural products [1], as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2026/83 [2].

(13) Refunds on female animals should vary depending on their age in order to prevent abuses in the export of certain pure-bred breeding animals.

(14) Opportunities exist for the export to certain third countries of heifers other than those intended for slaughter, but to prevent any abuse control criteria should be laid down to ensure that these animals are not more than 36 months old.

(15) 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 list of products on which export refunds as referred to in Article 33 of Regulation (EC) No 1254/1999 are granted and the amount thereof shall be as set out in Annex I of this Regulation.

2. The destinations are identified in Annex II to this Regulation.

3. The products must meet the relevant health marking requirements of:

— Chapter XI of Annex I to Council Directive 64/433/EEC [3],
— Chapter VI of Annex I to Council Directive 94/65/EC [4],
— Chapter VI of Annex B to Council Directive 77/99/EEC [5].

Article 2

The grant of the refund for product code 0102 90 59 9000 of the nomenclature for export refunds and for exports to the third countries in zone 10 listed in Annex II to this Regulation shall be subject to presentation, when the customs formalities for export are completed, of the original and one copy of the veterinary certificate signed by an official veterinarian certifying that these are heifers of an age of not more than 36 months. The original of the certificate shall be returned to the exporter and the copy, certified as being in accordance with the regulations by the customs authorities, shall be attached to the application for payment of the refund.

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on 21 November 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 20 November 2000.

For the Commission
Franz FISCHLER
Member of the Commission

[1] OJ L 62, 7.3.1980, p. 5.
[2] OJ L 199, 22.7.1983, p. 12.
[3] OJ L 121, 29.7.1964, p. 2012/64.
[4] OJ L 368, 31.12.1994, p. 10.
[5] OJ L 26, 31.1.1977, p. 85.

ANNEX

to the Commission Regulation of 20 November 2000 fixing export refunds on beef

Product code	Destination	Unit of measurement	Refunds (7)
0102 10 10 9120	A00	EUR/100 kg live weight	46,00
0102 10 10 9130	B02	EUR/100 kg live weight	13,50
	B03	EUR/100 kg live weight	9,50
	039	EUR/100 kg live weight	4,50
0102 10 30 9120	A00	EUR/100 kg live weight	46,00
0102 10 30 9130	B02	EUR/100 kg live weight	13,50
	B03	EUR/100 kg live weight	9,50
	039	EUR/100 kg live weight	4,50
0102 10 90 9120	A00	EUR/100 kg live weight	46,00
0102 90 41 9100	B02	EUR/100 kg live weight	35,50
0102 90 51 9000	B02	EUR/100 kg live weight	13,50
	B03	EUR/100 kg live weight	9,50
	039	EUR/100 kg live weight	4,50
0102 90 59 9000	B02	EUR/100 kg live weight	13,50
	B03	EUR/100 kg live weight	9,50
	039	EUR/100 kg live weight	4,50
	075 (9)	EUR/100 kg live weight	35,50
0102 90 61 9000	B02	EUR/100 kg live weight	13,50
	B03	EUR/100 kg live weight	9,50
	039	EUR/100 kg live weight	4,50
0102 90 69 9000	B02	EUR/100 kg live weight	13,50
	B03	EUR/100 kg live weight	9,50
	039	EUR/100 kg live weight	4,50
0102 90 71 9000	B02	EUR/100 kg live weight	35,50
	B03	EUR/100 kg live weight	23,00
	039	EUR/100 kg live weight	12,00
0102 90 79 9000	B02	EUR/100 kg live weight	35,50
	B03	EUR/100 kg live weight	23,00
	039	EUR/100 kg live weight	12,00
0201 10 00 9110 (1)	B02	EUR/100 kg net weight	62,00
	B03	EUR/100 kg net weight	43,00
	039	EUR/100 kg net weight	20,50
0201 10 00 9120	B02	EUR/100 kg net weight	14,50
	B03	EUR/100 kg net weight	10,00
	039	EUR/100 kg net weight	5,00
0201 10 00 9130 (1)	B02	EUR/100 kg net weight	84,50
	B03	EUR/100 kg net weight	56,50
	039	EUR/100 kg net weight	29,00
0201 10 00 9140	B02	EUR/100 kg net weight	20,00
	B03	EUR/100 kg net weight	14,00
	039	EUR/100 kg net weight	7,00
0201 20 20 9110 (1)	B02	EUR/100 kg net weight	84,50
	B03	EUR/100 kg net weight	56,50
	039	EUR/100 kg net weight	29,00

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0201 20 20 9120	B02	EUR/100 kg net weight	20,00
	B03	EUR/100 kg net weight	14,00
	039	EUR/100 kg net weight	7,00
0201 20 30 9110 (1)	B02	EUR/100 kg net weight	62,00
	B03	EUR/100 kg net weight	43,00
	039	EUR/100 kg net weight	20,50
0201 20 30 9120	B02	EUR/100 kg net weight	14,50
	B03	EUR/100 kg net weight	10,00
	039	EUR/100 kg net weight	5,00
0201 20 50 9110 (1)	B02	EUR/100 kg net weight	107,00
	B03	EUR/100 kg net weight	71,50
	039	EUR/100 kg net weight	35,50
0201 20 50 9120	B02	EUR/100 kg net weight	25,50
	B03	EUR/100 kg net weight	17,50
	039	EUR/100 kg net weight	8,50
0201 20 50 9130 (1)	B02	EUR/100 kg net weight	62,00
	B03	EUR/100 kg net weight	43,00
	039	EUR/100 kg net weight	20,50
0201 20 50 9140	B02	EUR/100 kg net weight	14,50
	B03	EUR/100 kg net weight	10,00
	039	EUR/100 kg net weight	5,00
0201 20 90 9700	B02	EUR/100 kg net weight	14,50
	B03	EUR/100 kg net weight	10,00
	039	EUR/100 kg net weight	5,00
0201 30 00 9050	400 (3)	EUR/100 kg net weight	20,50
	404 (4)	EUR/100 kg net weight	20,50
0201 30 00 9060 (6)	B02	EUR/100 kg net weight	20,00
	B03	EUR/100 kg net weight	13,00
	039	EUR/100 kg net weight	6,50
	809, 822	EUR/100 kg net weight	16,00
0201 30 00 9100 (2) (6)	B02	EUR/100 kg net weight	149,50
	B03	EUR/100 kg net weight	102,00
	039	EUR/100 kg net weight	52,00
	809, 822	EUR/100 kg net weight	132,50
0201 30 00 9120 (2) (6)	B08	EUR/100 kg net weight	82,00
	B09	EUR/100 kg net weight	76,50
	B03	EUR/100 kg net weight	56,50
	039	EUR/100 kg net weight	28,50
	809, 822	EUR/100 kg net weight	72,50
0202 10 00 9100	B02	EUR/100 kg net weight	14,50
	B03	EUR/100 kg net weight	10,00
	039	EUR/100 kg net weight	5,00
0202 10 00 9900	B02	EUR/100 kg net weight	20,00
	B03	EUR/100 kg net weight	14,00
	039	EUR/100 kg net weight	7,00
0202 20 10 9000	B02	EUR/100 kg net weight	20,00
	B03	EUR/100 kg net weight	14,00
	039	EUR/100 kg net weight	7,00
0202 20 30 9000	B02	EUR/100 kg net weight	14,50
	B03	EUR/100 kg net weight	10,00
	039	EUR/100 kg net weight	5,00

Product code	Destination	Unit of measurement	Refunds (7)
0202 20 50 9100	B02	EUR/100 kg net weight	25,50
	B03	EUR/100 kg net weight	17,50
	039	EUR/100 kg net weight	8,50
0202 20 50 9900	B02	EUR/100 kg net weight	14,50
	B03	EUR/100 kg net weight	10,00
	039	EUR/100 kg net weight	5,00
0202 20 90 9100	B02	EUR/100 kg net weight	14,50
	B03	EUR/100 kg net weight	10,00
	039	EUR/100 kg net weight	5,00
0202 30 90 9100	400 (3)	EUR/100 kg net weight	20,50
	404 (4)	EUR/100 kg net weight	20,50
0202 30 90 9200 (6)	B02	EUR/100 kg net weight	20,00
	B03	EUR/100 kg net weight	13,00
	039	EUR/100 kg net weight	6,50
	809, 822	EUR/100 kg net weight	16,00
0206 10 95 9000	B02	EUR/100 kg net weight	20,00
	B03	EUR/100 kg net weight	13,00
	039	EUR/100 kg net weight	6,50
	809, 822	EUR/100 kg net weight	16,00
0206 29 91 9000	B02	EUR/100 kg net weight	20,00
	B03	EUR/100 kg net weight	13,00
	039	EUR/100 kg net weight	6,50
	809, 822	EUR/100 kg net weight	16,00
0210 20 90 9100	039	EUR/100 kg net weight	10,00
1602 50 10 9170 (8)	B02	EUR/100 kg net weight	19,50
	B03	EUR/100 kg net weight	15,00
	039	EUR/100 kg net weight	15,00
1602 50 31 9125 (5)	A00	EUR/100 kg net weight	77,00
1602 50 31 9325 (5)	A00	EUR/100 kg net weight	68,50
1602 50 39 9125 (5)	A00	EUR/100 kg net weight	77,00
1602 50 39 9325 (5)	A00	EUR/100 kg net weight	68,50
1602 50 39 9425 (5)	A00	EUR/100 kg net weight	26,00
1602 50 39 9525 (5)	A00	EUR/100 kg net weight	26,00
1602 50 80 9535 (8)	A00	EUR/100 kg net weight	15,00

(1) Entry under this subheading is subject to the submission of the certificate appearing in the Annex to amended Commission Regulation (EEC) No 32/82.

(2) The refund is granted subject to compliance with the conditions laid down in amended Regulation (EEC) No 1964/82.

(3) Carried out in accordance with amended Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2973/79 (OJ L 336, 29.12.1979, p. 44).

(4) Carried out in accordance with amended Commission Regulation (EC) No 2051/96 (OJ L 274, 26.10.1996, p. 18).

(5) OJ L 221, 19.8.1984, p. 28.

(6) 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).

The term 'average content' refers to the sample quantity as defined in Article 2(1) of Regulation (EC) No 2457/97 (OJ L 340, 11.12.1997, p. 29). The sample is to be taken from that part of the consignment presenting the highest risk.

(7) Article 33(10) of amended Regulation (EC) No 1254/1999 provides that no export refunds shall be granted on products imported from third countries and re-exported to third countries.

(8) The refund is granted only on products manufactured under the arrangement provided for in Article 4 of amended Council Regulation (EEC) No 565/80.

(9) The grant of the refund is subject to compliance with the conditions referred to in Article 2 of this Regulation.

NB: The product codes and the 'A' series destination codes are set out in Commision Regulation (EEC) No 3846/87 (OJ L 366, 24.12.1987, p. 1) as amended.

The numeric destination codes are set out in Regulation (EC) No 2543/1999 (OJ L 307, 2.12.1999, p. 46).

The other destinations are defined as follows:

B02: B08 and B09

B03: Ceuta, Melilla, Iceland, Norway, Faroe Islands, Andorra, Gibraltar, Vatican, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria, Albania, Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Yugoslavia, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, the communes of Livigno and Campione d'Italia, Helgoland, Greenland, Cyprus, stores and provisions (destinations referred to in Articles 36 and 45, and if appropriate in Article 44, of Commission Regulation (EC) No 800/1999, as amended)

B08: Malta, Turkey, Ukraine, Belarus, Moldova, Russia, Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Libya, Egypt, Lebanon, Syria, Iraq, Iran, Israel, West Bank/Gaza Strip, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, United Arab Emirates, Oman, Yemen, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Myanmar (Burma), Thailand, Vietnam, Indonesia, Philippines, China, North Korea, Hong Kong

B09: Sudan, Mauritania, Mali, Burkina Faso, Niger, Chad, Cape Verde, Senegal, Gambia, Guinea-Bissau, Guinea, Sierra Leone, Liberia, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Togo, Benin, Nigeria, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Equatorial Guinea, São Tomé and Príncipe, Gabon, Congo (Republic), Congo (Democratic Republic), Rwanda, Burundi, Saint Helena and dependencies, Angola, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Djibouti, Somalia, Uganda, Tanzania, Seychelles and dependencies, British Indian Ocean Territory, Mozambique, Mauritius, Comoros, Mayotte, Zambia, Malawi, South Africa, Lesotho.