COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2778/2000
of 18 December 2000
adopting further exceptional support measures for the beef market in Germany

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to the 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 38(2),

Whereas:

(1) In order to improve the market situation for beef in a specific Member State, Article 3(3) of Commission Regulation (EC) No 2777/2000 of 18 December 2000 adopting exceptional support measures for the beef market [2] provides for the possibility to extend the purchase for destruction scheme to cover equally animals having been negatively tested. As the market situation in Germany is particularly difficult and as the German authorities have informed the Commission that they have decided that all animals above 30 months in Germany should be subject of testing for BSE at slaughter, it should be provided that such animals shall be fully eligible under the scheme laid down in the said Regulation.

(2) It is appropriate to provide for a period of application equal to the one fixed for Regulation (EC) No 2777/2000.

(3) 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

The purchase scheme provided for in Regulation (EC) No 2777/2000 shall also apply to animals in Germany which after slaughter have been tested negatively by a test referred to in Article 2 of the said Regulation.

Article 2

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

It shall be applicable from 1 January 2001 until 30 June 2001 at the latest.

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

Done at Brussels, 18 December 2000.

For the Commission
Franz FISCHLER
Member of the Commission

[1] OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 21.
[2] See page 47 of this Official Journal.