COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 780/2001

of 20 April 2001

fixing the maximum purchase price for beef under the first partial invitation to tender pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 690/2001

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],

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 690/2001 of 3 April 2001 on special market support measures in the beef sector [2], and in particular Article 3(1) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) In application of Article 2(2) of Regulation (EC) No 690/2001 Commission Regulation (EC) No 713/2001 [3] on the purchase of beef under Regulation (EC) No 690/2001 establishes the list of Member States in which the tendering is open for the first partial invitation to tender on 17 April 2001.

(2) In accordance with Article 3(1) of Regulation (EC) No 690/2001, where appropriate, a maximum purchase price for the reference class shall be fixed in the light of the tenders received, taking into account the provisions of Article 3(2) of that Regulation.

(3) Because of the need to support in a reasonable way the market for beef a maximum purchase price should be fixed in the Member States concerned. In the light of the different level of market prices in those Member States, different maximum purchase prices should be fixed.

(4) Due to the urgency of the support measures, this Regulation should enter into force immediately.

(5) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee of Beef and Veal,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Under the first partial invitation to tender on 17 April 2001 opened under Regulation (EC) No 690/2001 the following maximum purchase price shall be fixed:

— Austria: EUR 154,45/100 kg.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day of 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, 20 April 2001.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

[1] OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 21.
[2] OJ L 95, 5.4.2001, p. 8.
[3] OJ L 100, 11.4.2001, p. 3.