COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 169/2002

of 30 January 2002

amending Regulation (EC) No 2342/1999 laying down detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EC) No 1254/1999 on the common organisation of the market in beef and veal as regards premium schemes

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1452/2001 of 28 June 2001 introducing specific measures for certain agricultural products for the French overseas departments, amending Directive 72/462/EEC and repealing Regulations (EEC) No 525/77 and (EEC) No 3763/91 (Poseidom) [1], and in particular Article 9(4) thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1453/2001 of 28 June 2001 introducing measures for certain agricultural products for the Azores and Madeira and repealing Regulation (EEC) No 1600/92 (Poseican) [2], and in particular Article 13(6) and Article 22(6) thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1454/2001 of 28 June 2001 introducing specific measures for certain agricultural products for the Canary Islands and repealing Regulation (EEC) No 1601/92 (Poseican) [3], and in particular Article 5(6) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Regulations (EC) No 1452/2001, (EC) No 1453/2001 and (EC) No 1454/2001 lay down specific measures to assist livestock farming in the French overseas departments, the Azores and Madeira, and the Canary Islands respectively. The detailed rules of application to be laid down should provide in particular in the case of the slaughter premium for freezing, within the ceiling set in Article 38(1) of Commission Regulation (EC) No 2342/1999 [4] as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2088/2001 [5], the number of animals for which the slaughter premium was granted for the year 2000.

(2) Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 2342/1999 provides for national ceilings on the slaughter premium. The ceilings must not compromise the introduction of the specific limits established by Regulations (EC) No 1452/2001, (EC) No 1453/2001 and (EC) No 1454/2001. The ceilings for France, Portugal and Spain should therefore include sub-ceilings based on the number of premiums paid in a reference year to producers in the overseas departments, the Azores and Madeira and the Canary Islands and intended exclusively for producers in the said regions; the remaining number of eligible animals up to the specific limits introduced by the abovementioned Regulations for the slaughter premium in those regions should be added to those in Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 2342/1999.

(3) The Member States concerned have notified the Commission of the number of animals for which the slaughter premium was granted for the year 2000 in the overseas departments (3 727), Madeira (1 678), the Azores (10 318) and the Canary Islands (1 696).

(4) So that Regulations (EC) No 1452/2001, (EC) No 1453/2001 and (EC) No 1454/2001 can be applied immediately, this Regulation should enter into force at the earliest opportunity.

(5) To ensure consistency with the beginning of the period of application of the premium scheme introduced by Council Regulation (EC) No 1254/1999 [6], as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 2345/2001 [7], for 2002, this Regulation should apply from 1 January 2002.

(6) 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

Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 2342/1999 is replaced by the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

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

It shall apply from 1 January 2002.

[1] OJ L 198, 21.7.2001, p. 11.
[2] OJ L 198, 21.7.2001, p. 26.
[3] OJ L 198, 21.7.2001, p. 45.
[4] OJ L 281, 4.11.1999, p. 30.
[5] OJ L 282, 26.10.2001, p. 39.
[6] OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 21.
[7] OJ L 315, 1.12.2001, p. 29.

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

Done at Brussels, 30 January 2002.

For the Commission
Franz FISCHLER
Member of the Commission

ANNEX

'ANNEX III

National ceilings for the slaughter premium referred to in Article 38(1) applicable from 1 January 2002

	Adult bovines	Calves
Belgium	711 232	335 935
Denmark	711 589	54 700
Germany	4 357 713	652 132
Greece	235 060	80 324
Spain (1)	1 982 216	25 629
France (2)	4 041 075	2 045 731
Ireland	1 776 668	0
Italy	3 426 835	1 321 236
Luxembourg	21 867	3 432
Netherlands	1 207 849	1 198 113
Austria	546 557	129 881
Portugal (3)	325 093	70 911
Finland	382 536	10 090
Sweden	502 063	29 933
United Kingdom	3 266 212	26 271

(1) Without prejudice to the special provisions laid down by Council Regulation (EC) No 1454/2001 of 28 June 2001 introducing specific measures for certain agricultural products for the Canary Islands and repealing Regulation (EEC) No 1601/92 (Poseican) (OJ L 198, 21.7.2001, p. 45).

(2) Without prejudice to the special provisions laid down by Council Regulation (EC) No 1452/2001 of 28 June 2001 introducing specific measures for certain agricultural products for the French overseas departments, amending Directive 72/462//EEC and repealing Regulations (EEC) No 525/77 and (EEC) No 3763/91 (Poseidom) (OJ L 198, 21.7.2001, p. 11).

(3) Without prejudice to the special provisions laid down by Council Regulation (EC) No 1453/2001 of 28 June 2001 introducing specific measures for certain agricultural products for the Azores and Madeira and repealing Regulation (EEC) No 1600/92 (Poseima) (OJ L 198, 21.7.2001, p. 26).'