COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2179/2002
of 6 December 2002
on special conditions for the granting of private storage aid for pigmeat

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2759/75 of 29 October 1975 on the common organisation of the market in pigmeat [1], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1365/2000 [2], and in particular Article 4(6) and Article 5(4) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Intervention measures may be taken in respect of pigmeat if, on the representative markets of the Community, the average price for pig carcasses is less than 103 % of the basic price and is likely to remain below that level.

(2) Market prices have fallen below that level and, given seasonal and cyclical trends, this situation could persist.

(3) Intervention measures must be taken. These can be limited to the granting of private storage aid in accordance with Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3444/90 of 27 November 1990 laying down detailed rules for granting private storage aid for pigmeat [3], as amended by Regulation (EC) No 3533/93 [4].

(4) Under Article 3 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2763/75 of 29 October 1975 laying down general rules for granting private storage aid for pigmeat [5], the Commission may decide to reduce or extend the storage period. As well as the amounts of aid for specific periods of storage, the amounts to be added or deducted in the event that the Commission adopts such a decision should be fixed.

(5) In order to facilitate administrative and control work relating to the conclusion of contracts, minimum quantities should be fixed.

(6) The security should be fixed at a level that will ensure storers fulfil their contractual obligations.

(7) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Pigmeat,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. From 9 December 2002 applications for private storage aid may be lodged in accordance with Regulation (EEC) No 3444/90. The list of products eligible for aid and the relevant amounts are set out in the Annex hereto.

2. Should the Commission extend or reduce the period of storage, the amount of aid shall be adjusted accordingly. The supplements and deductions per month and per day are set out in columns 6 and 7 of the Annex.

Article 2

The minimum quantities per contract and per product shall be:

(a) 10 tonnes for boned products;

(b) 15 tonnes for other products.

Article 3

The security shall be 20 % of the amounts of aid set out in the Annex.

Article 4

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

[1] OJ L 282, 1.11.1975, p. 1.
[2] OJ L 156, 29.6.2000, p. 5.
[3] OJ L 333, 30.11.1990, p. 22.
[4] OJ L 321, 23.12.1993, p. 9.
[5] OJ L 282, 1.11.1975, p. 19.

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

Done at Brussels, 6 December 2002.

For the Commission
Franz FISCHLER
Member of the Commission

ANNEX

(EUR/tonne)

CN code	Products in respect of which aid is granted	Amount of aid for a storage period of			Supplement or deduction	
		3 months	4 months	5 months	Per month	Per day
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
ex 0203	**Meat of domestic swine, fresh or chilled:**					
ex 0203 11 10	Half-carcasses without the forefoot, tail, kidney, thin skirt and spinal cord (1)	278	315	352	37	1,24
ex 0203 12 11	Hams	337	379	421	42	1,41
ex 0203 12 19	Shoulders	337	379	421	42	1,41
ex 0203 19 11	Fore-ends	337	379	421	42	1,41
ex 0203 19 13	Loins, with or without the neck-end, or neck-ends separately, loins with or without the chump (2) (3)	337	379	421	42	1,41
ex 0203 19 15	Bellies, whole or trimmed by rectangular cut	164	197	230	33	1,09
ex 0203 19 55	Bellies, whole or trimmed by rectangular cut, without rind and ribs	164	197	230	33	1,09
ex 0203 19 55	Legs, shoulders, fore-ends, loins with or without the neck-end, or neck-ends separately, loins with or without the chump, boned (2) (3)	337	379	421	42	1,41
ex 0203 19 55	Cuts corresponding to 'middles', with or without rind or fat, boned (4)	255	290	325	35	1,17
ex 0203 19 59	Cuts corresponding to 'middles', with or without rind or fat, with bone in (4)	255	290	325	35	1,17

(1) The aid may also be granted for half-carcasses presented as Wiltshire sides, i.e. without the head, cheek, chap, feet, tail, flare fat, kidney, tenderloin, blade-bone, sternum, vertebral column, pelvic bone and diaphragm.
(2) Loins and neck-ends may be with or without rind but the adherent layer of fat may not exceed 25 mm in depth.
(3) The quantity contracted may cover any combination of the products referred to.
(4) Same presentation as for products falling within CN code 0210 19 20.