COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 246/2002

of 8 February 2002

granting a temporary derogation from Regulation (EC) No 1445/95 on rules of application for import and export licences in the beef and veal sector

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], as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 2345/2001 [2], and in particular Article 29 thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Article 10(1) of Commission Regulation (EC) No 1445/95 [3], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2492/2001 [4], provides that export licences are to be issued on the fifth working day following that on which the application was lodged provided that no specific action has been taken by the Commission in the meantime.

(2) Because of the public holidays in 2002 and the irregular publication of the *Official Journal of the European Communities* during those holidays, the period for reflection of five working days will be too brief to guarantee proper administration of the market. It should therefore be extended temporarily.

(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

By derogation from Article 10(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1445/95, licences for which applications are lodged during the periods specified below shall be issued on the corresponding dates provided that no specific action as indicated in paragraph 2 of that Article has been taken prior to those dates:

— from 25 to 26 March 2002, to be issued on 4 April 2002,

— on 6 May 2002, to be issued on 15 May 2002,

— on 12 August 2002, to be issued on 21 August 2002.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the seventh day following 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, 8 February 2002.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

[1] OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 21.
[2] OJ L 315, 1.12.2001, p. 29.
[3] OJ L 143, 27.6.1995, p. 35.
[4] OJ L 337, 20.12.2001, p. 18.