COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 290/2002

of 15 February 2002

fixing the maximum purchase price for beef under the 19th 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], as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 2345/2001 [2],

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 690/2001 of 3 April 2001 on special market support measures in the beef sector [3], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2595/2001 [4], 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 of 10 April 2001 on the purchase of beef under Regulation (EC) No 690/2001 [5], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 228/2002 [6], establishes the list of Member States in which the tendering is open for the 19th partial invitation to tender on 11 February 2002.

(2) In accordance with Article 3(1) of Regulation (EC) No 690/2001, where appropriate, a maximum purchase price for the reference class is to 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 the market for beef in a reasonable way, a maximum purchase price should be fixed in the Member States concerned at an appropriate level. 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 for Beef and Veal,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Under the 19th partial invitation to tender on 11 February 2002 opened under Regulation (EC) No 690/2001 the following maximum purchase prices shall be fixed:

— Germany: EUR 160,00/100 kg,

— Spain: EUR 152,50/100 kg,

— France: EUR 209,80/100 kg,

— Belgium: EUR 161,00/100 kg,

— Austria: EUR 163,30/100 kg.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 16 February 2002.

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

Done at Brussels, 15 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 95, 5.4.2001, p. 8.
[4] OJ L 345, 29.12.2001, p. 33.
[5] OJ L 100, 11.4.2001, p. 3.
[6] OJ L 38, 8.2.2002, p. 14.