COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 529/2003

of 24 March 2003

amending Regulations (EC) No 1279/98, (EC) No 1128/1999, (EC) No 1247/1999 and (EC) No 140/2003 as regards certain tariff quotas for beef and veal products from Romania

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 32(1) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) The Protocol approved by Council Decision 2003/18/EC of 19 December 2002 concerning the conclusion of a Protocol adjusting the trade aspects of the Europe Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Romania, of the other part, to take account of the outcome of negotiations between the Parties on new mutual agricultural concessions [3] provides for new concessions as regards the importation of certain beef and veal products under the tariff quotas opened by that Agreement. They apply from 1 April 2003.

(2) Commission Regulation (EC) No 1279/98 of 19 June 1998 laying down detailed rules for applying the tariff quotas for beef and veal provided for in Regulations (EC) No 2290/2000, (EC) No 2433/2000, (EC) No 2434/2000, (EC) No 2435/2000, (EC) No 2851/2000 and (EC) No 1408/2002 for Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, the Slovak Republic, Romania, the Republic of Poland and the Republic of Hungary [4], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1634/2002 [5], Commission Regulation (EC) No 1128/1999 of 28 May 1999 laying down detailed rules of application for a tariff quota for calves weighing not more than 80 kilograms originating in certain third countries [6], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1634/2002, Commission Regulation (EC) No 1247/1999 of 16 June 1999 laying down detailed rules for the application of a tariff quota for live bovine animals weighing from 80 to 300 kilograms and originating in certain third countries [7], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1634/2002, and Commission Regulation (EC) No 140/2003 of 27 January 2003 determining the percentage of quantities which may be allowed in respect of import licence applications lodged in January 2003 under tariff quotas for beef and veal provided for in Regulation (EC) No 1279/98 for the Republic of Poland, the Republic of Hungary, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Bulgaria and Romania [8], should therefore be amended with effect from 1 April 2003.

(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

Regulation (EC) No 1279/98 is hereby amended as follows:

1. The title is replaced by the following:

'Commission Regulation (EC) No 1279/98 of 19 June 1998 laying down detailed rules for applying the tariff quotas for beef and veal provided for in Council Regulations (EC) No 2290/2000, (EC) No 2433/2000, (EC) No 2434/2000, (EC) No 2851/2000 and (EC) No 1408/2002 and Council Decision 2003/18/EC for Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, the Republic of Poland, the Republic of Hungary and Romania.'

2. The first paragraph of Article 1 is replaced by the following:

'Import licences must be presented for imports into the Community of the products listed in Annex I hereto under the quotas provided for in Council Regulations (EC) No 2290/2000 (*), (EC) No 2433/2000 (**), (EC) No 2434/2000 (***), (EC) No 2851/2000 (****) and (EC) No 1408/2002 (*****) and Council Decision 2003/18/EC (******).

(*) OJ L 262, 17.10.2000, p. 1.
(**) OJ L 280, 4.11.2000, p. 1.
(***) OJ L 280, 4.11.2000, p. 9.
(****) OJ L 332, 28.12.2000, p. 7.
(*****) OJ L 205, 2.8.2002, p. 9.
(******) OJ L 8, 14.1.2003, p. 18.'

[1] OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 21.
[2] OJ L 315, 1.12.2001, p. 29.
[3] OJ L 8, 14.1.2003, p. 18.
[4] OJ L 176, 20.6.1998, p. 12.
[5] OJ L 247, 14.9.2002, p. 7.
[6] OJ L 135, 29.5.1999, p. 50.
[7] OJ L 150, 17.6.1999, p. 18.
[8] OJ L 23, 28.1.2003, p. 6.

3. Article 3 is amended as follows:

(a) the first paragraph is amended as follows:

(i) the second subparagraph of point (c) is deleted;

(ii) the following second subparagraph is inserted;

'Group of products within the meaning of point (c) shall mean:

— either products falling within CN codes 0201 or 0202 originating in one of the countries listed in Annex I,

— or products falling within CN codes 0206 10 95, 0206 29 91, 0210 20 10, 0210 20 90, 0210 99 51, 0210 99 59 or 0210 99 90 originating in Hungary,

— or products falling within CN codes 0206 10 95, 0206 29 91, 0210 20 or 0210 99 51 originating in Romania,

— or products falling within CN code 1602 50 originating in Poland,

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(b) paragraph 2 is replaced by the following:

'2. Notwithstanding Article 5 of Regulation (EC) No 1445/95, box 16 of licence applications and licences shall show one of the following groups of CN codes:

— 0201, 0202,

— 0206 10 95, 0206 29 91, 0210 20 10, 0210 20 90, 0210 99 51, 0210 99 59, 0210 99 90,

— 0206 10 95, 0206 29 91, 0210 20, 0210 99 51,

— 1602 50.'

4. Annex I is replaced by the text in the Annex hereto.

Article 2

Article 2(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1128/1999 is replaced by the following:

'2. For the quantity referred to in paragraph 1, the rate of customs duty shall be reduced by:

— 80 % for animals originating in the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania,

— 90 % for animals originating in Poland, Hungary and Romania.'

Article 3

Article 1(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1247/1999 is replaced by the following:

'2. For the quantity referred to in paragraph 1, the rate of customs duty shall be reduced by:

— 80 % for animals originating in the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania,

— 90 % for animals originating in Poland, Hungary and Romania.'

Article 4

The following point (e) is added to Article 1(2) of Regulation (EC) No 140/2003:

'(e) 50 tonnes for beef and veal products falling within CN codes 0206 10 95, 0206 29 91, 0210 20 and 0210 99 51 originating in Romania.'

Article 5

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

It shall apply from 1 April 2003.

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

Done at Brussels, 24 March 2003.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

ANNEX

'ANNEX I

Concessions applicable to imports into the Community of certain products originating in certain countries

(MFN = most favoured nation duty)

Country of origin	Serial No	CN code	Description	Rate of duty applicable (% of MFN)	Annual quantity from 1.7.2002 to 30.6.2003 (tonnes)	Annual quantity from 1.7.2003 to 30.6.2004 (tonnes)	Annual increase from 1.7.2004 (tonnes)
Hungary	09.4707	0201 0202	Meat of bovine animals, fresh, chilled or frozen	Free	13 655	15 020	1 365
	09.4774	0206 10 95	Edible offal of bovine animals, fresh or chilled, thick skirt and thin skirt	Free	1 000	1 100	100
		0206 29 91	Edible offal of bovine animals, frozen, other, thick skirt and thin skirt				
		0210 20 10 0210 20 90	Meat of bovine animals, salted or in brine, dried or smoked				
		0210 99 51	Thin skirt and thick skirt of bovine animals				
		0210 99 59	Other offal of bovine animals				
		0210 99 90	Edible flour and meal of meat or offal				
Poland	09.4824	0201 0202	Meat of bovine animals, fresh, chilled or frozen	Free	19 200	20 800	1 600
		1602 50	Other prepared or preserved meat, offal or blood of — bovine animals (1)				
Czech Republic	09.4623	0201 0202	Meat of bovine animals, fresh, chilled or frozen	20	3 500	3 500	0
Slovakia	09.4624	0201 0202	Meat of bovine animals, fresh, chilled or frozen	20	3 500	3 500	0
Romania	09.4753	0201 0202	Meat of bovine animals, fresh, chilled or frozen	Free	3 500	4 000	0
	09.4765	0206 10 95	Edible thick skirt and thin skirt of bovine animals, fresh or chilled	Free	50	100	0
		0206 29 91	Edible thick skirt and thin skirt of bovine animals, frozen				
		0210 20	Meat of bovine animals, salted or in brine, dried or smoked				
		0210 99 51	Thick skirt and thin skirt of bovine animals				
	09.4768	1602 50	Prepared or preserved meat or offal of bovine animals	Free	250	500	0
Bulgaria	09.4651	0201 0202	Meat of bovine animals, fresh, chilled or frozen	20	250	250	0

(1) Coefficient for conversion into fresh meat = 2,14.'