COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 768/2004

of 23 April 2004

determining to what extent applications lodged in April 2004 for the right to import bulls, cows and heifers other than for slaughter of certain Alpine and mountain breeds can be met

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],

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1081/1999 of 26 May 1999 opening and providing for the administration of tariff quotas for imports of bulls, cows and heifers other than for slaughter of certain Alpine and mountain breeds, repealing Regulation (EC) No 1012/98 and amending Regulation (EC) No 1143/98 [2], and in particular Article 5 thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Article 9(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1081/1999 provides for a further allocation of quantities not covered by import licence applications at 15 March 2004.

(2) Article 1 of Commission Regulation (EC) No 560/2004 of 25 March 2004 providing for a further allocation of import rights under Regulation (EC) No 1081/1999 for bulls, cows and heifers other than for slaughter of certain Alpine and mountain breeds [3] lays down the quantities of bulls, cows and heifers other than for slaughter of certain Alpine and mountain breeds that may be imported under special conditions until 30 June 2004.

(3) The quantities for which import rights have been requested exceed the quantities available. A uniform percentage reduction in the quantities applied for should therefore be set in accordance with Article 9(8) and Article 5(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1081/1999,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Each application for the right to import, lodged in accordance with Article 9 of Regulation (EC) No 1081/1999, shall be granted as follows:

— 23,3333 % of the quantity requested for serial number 09.0001,

— 8,7387 % of the quantity requested for serial number 09.0003.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 24 April 2004.

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

Done at Brussels, 23 April 2004.

For the Commission

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[1] OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 21. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003 (OJ L 270, 21.10.2003, p. 1).

[2] OJ L 131, 27.5.1999, p. 15. Regulation as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1096/2001 (OJ L 150, 6.6.2001, p. 33).

[3] OJ L 89, 26.3.2004, p. 23.