COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 229/2006

of 9 February 2006

determining the extent to which applications for import rights lodged in respect of the quota for live bovine animals of a weight exceeding 160 kg and originating in Switzerland, provided for in Regulation (EC) No 2172/2005, can be accepted

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 2172/2005 of 23 December 2005 laying down detailed rules for the application of an import tariff quota for live bovine animals of a weight exceeding 160 kg and originating in Switzerland provided for in the Agreement between the European Community and the Swiss Confederation on trade in agricultural products [2], and in particular in the first sentence of Article 4(2) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Article 1(1) of Regulation (EC) No 2172/2005 fixes at 4 600 head the quantity of the annual quota in respect of which Community importers can lodge an application for import rights in accordance with Article 3 of that Regulation.

(2) Since the import rights applied for exceed the available quantity referred to in Article 1(1) of Regulation (EC) No 2172/2005, a unique reduction coefficient should be fixed for quantities tendered,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Each application for import rights lodged in accordance with Article 3(3) of Regulation (EC) No 2172/2005 for the quota period from 1 January to 31 December 2006 shall be accepted at a rate of 64,5161 % of the import rights applied for.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 10 February 2006.

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

Done at Brussels, 9 February 2006.

For the Commission

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[1] OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 21. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1913/2005 (OJ L 307, 25.11.2005, p. 2).

[2] OJ L 346, 29.12.2005, p. 10.