COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 257/2008

of 18 March 2008

on the issuing of import licences for applications lodged during the first seven days of March 2008 under the tariff quota opened by Regulation (EC) No 1382/2007 for pigmeat

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2759/75 of 29 October 1975 on the common organisation of the market in pigmeat [1],

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1382/2007 of 26 November 2007 laying down detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EC) No 774/94 concerning the import arrangements for pigmeat [2], and in particular Article 5(6) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Regulation (EC) No 1382/2007 has opened tariff quotas for the import of pigmeat products.

(2) The applications for import licences lodged during the first seven days of March 2008 for the subperiod 1 April to 30 June 2008 do not cover the total quantity available. The quantities for which applications have not been lodged should therefore be determined and these should be added to the quantity fixed for the following quota subperiod,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The quantities for which import licence applications covered by the quota bearing the serial number 09.4046 have not been lodged under Regulation (EC) No 1382/2007, to be added to the subperiod from 1 July to 30 September 2008, shall be 3 500 000 kg.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 19 March 2008.

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

Done at Brussels, 18 March 2008.

For the Commission

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[1] OJ L 282, 1.11.1975, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1913/2005 (OJ L 307, 25.11.2005, p. 2). Regulation (EEC) No 2759/75 will be replaced by Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 (OJ L 299, 16.11.2007, p. 1) as from 1 July 2008.

[2] OJ L 309, 27.11.2007, p. 28.