

**COMMISSION DECISION**  
**of 26 November 1997**  
**amending Decision 96/4/EC authorizing a method for grading pig carcasses in**  
**Austria**

(Only the German text is authentic)

(97/813/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 3220/84 of 13 November 1984 determining the Community scale for grading pig carcasses <sup>(1)</sup>, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 3513/93 <sup>(2)</sup>, and in particular Article 5 (2) thereof,

Whereas Commission Decision 96/4/EC <sup>(3)</sup> has introduced a grading method for use until 31 December 1997, in Austria;

Whereas the Government of Austria has requested the Commission to authorize as from 1 January 1998 the application of a new formula for the calculation of the lean meat content of carcasses in the framework of the existing grading method and has submitted the details required in Article 3 of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2967/85 of 24 October 1985 laying down detailed rules for the application of the Community scale for grading pig carcasses <sup>(4)</sup>, as amended by Regulation (EC) No 3127/94 <sup>(5)</sup>; whereas an examination of this request has revealed that the conditions for authorizing the new formula are fulfilled;

Whereas at the same time the derogation regarding the standard presentation of pig carcasses provided for in Article 3 could be removed;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Pigmeat,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

Decision 96/4/EC is amended as follows:

1. Article 3 is deleted.
2. The second phrase of Article 4 is deleted.
3. Article 4 becomes Article 3.
4. The Annex is replaced by the Annex to this Decision.

*Article 2*

This Decision is addressed to the Federal Republic of Austria.

It shall apply as from 1 January 1998.

Done at Brussels, 26 November 1997.

*For the Commission*

Franz FISCHLER

*Member of the Commission*

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 301, 20. 11. 1984, p. 1.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 320, 22. 12. 1993, p. 5.

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ L 1, 3. 1. 1996, p. 9.

<sup>(4)</sup> OJ L 285, 25. 10. 1985, p. 39.

<sup>(5)</sup> OJ L 330, 21. 12. 1994, p. 34.

## ANNEX

## ZWEI-PUNKTE-MESSVERFAHREN (ZP)

1. Grading pig carcasses by use of the method termed 'Zwei-Punkte-Meßverfahren (ZP)'.
2. The lean meat content of the carcase shall be calculated according to the following formula:

$$\hat{y} = 49,123 - 0,55983 \times a + 0,22096 \times b$$

where:

$\hat{y}$  = the estimated lean meat in the carcase,

a = the minimum thickness in millimetres of visible fat (including rind) on the midline of the split carcase, covering the *Musculus glutaesus medius*,

b = the visible thickness in millimetres of the lumbar muscle on the midline of the split carcase, measured at the shortest distance between the front (cranial) end of the *Musculus glutaesus medius* and the upper (dorsal) edge of the vertebral canal.

The formula shall be valid for carcasses weighing between 70 and 130 kg.

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