

COMMISSION DECISION
of 7 November 2001
amending Decision 88/479/EEC authorising methods for grading pig carcasses in Spain

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(Only the Spanish text is authentic)

(2001/775/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 ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 3513/93 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 5(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) By Decision 88/479/EEC ⁽³⁾, as amended by Decision 94/337/EC ⁽⁴⁾, the Commission authorises various methods for grading pig carcasses in Spain.
- (2) Spain has asked the Commission to authorise use of a new pig carcass grading method. The information required in accordance with 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 ⁽⁵⁾, as amended by Regulation (EC) No 3127/94 ⁽⁶⁾, has been supplied. On examination of the request the conditions required for the authorisation of the new method have been shown to be met.
- (3) Decision 88/479/EEC should be amended accordingly.
- (4) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Pigeat,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Decision 88/479/EEC is amended as follows:

1. In Article 1, the following indent is added:

‘— the apparatus termed “Fully automatic ultrasonic carcass grading” (Autofom) and assessment methods related thereto, details of which are given in Part 4 of the Annex.’

2. The Annex to this Decision is added as Part 4 of the Annex thereto.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Kingdom of Spain.

Done at Brussels, 7 November 2001.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 301, 20.11.1984, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 320, 22.12.1993, p. 5.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 234, 24.8.1988, p. 20.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 150, 16.6.1994, p. 35.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 285, 25.10.1985, p. 39.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ L 330, 21.12.1994, p. 43.

ANNEX

PART 4

Fully automatic ultrasonic carcass grading (Autofom)

1. Pig carcass grading shall be carried out using the apparatus termed Autofom-Fully automatic ultrasonic carcass grading.
2. The apparatus shall be equipped with sixteen 2 MHz ultrasonic transducers (Krautkrämer, SFK 2 NP), with an operating distance between transducers of 25 mm.

The ultrasonic data shall comprise measurements of backfat thickness and muscle thickness.

The results of the measurements are converted into estimated lean meat content using a computer.

3. The carcasse's lean meat content shall be calculated on the basis of 35 measurement points using the following formula:

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{y} = & 59.730720 - 0.071305 \times 1 - 0.083445 \times 2 - 0.064846 \times 3 - 0.063702 \times 4 - 0.066525 \times 5 - 0.052607 \times 6 \\ & - 0.057327 \times 7 - 0.076291 \times 8 - 0.060650 \times 9 - 0.049228 \times 10 - 0.056895 \times 11 - 0.070219 \times 12 \\ & - 0.069913 \times 13 - 0.079212 \times 14 - 0.063921 \times 15 - 0.060827 \times 16 - 0.063108 \times 17 - 0.067504 \times 18 \\ & - 0.067564 \times 19 - 0.068291 \times 20 - 0.057452 \times 21 - 0.059113 \times 22 - 0.077067 \times 23 - 0.069915 \times 24 \\ & - 0.075445 \times 25 + 0.032977 \times 26 + 0.032874 \times 27 + 0.029973 \times 28 + 0.028460 \times 29 + 0.025665 \times 30 \\ & + 0.029430 \times 31 + 0.020242 \times 32 + 0.018780 \times 33 + 0.039473 \times 34 + 0.038720 \times 35 \end{aligned}$$

where:

\hat{y} = the estimated lean meat content of the carcass.

4. Descriptions of the measuring points and the statistical method can be found in Part II of the Spanish protocol forwarded to the Commission in accordance with Article 3(3) of Regulation (EEC) No 2967/85.

The formula shall be valid for carcasses weighing between 60 and 110 kilograms.'