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## DECISIONS

## COMMISSION

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of 14 March 2007

**amending Decision 96/4/EC authorising a method for grading pig carcasses in Austria**

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**(Only the German text is authentic)**

(2007/165/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>, and in particular Article 5(2) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) By Commission Decision 96/4/EC <sup>(2)</sup>, Austria was authorised to apply a method for grading pig carcasses termed the 'Zwei-Punkte-Messverfahren (ZP)'.

(2) In view of technical developments, the Austrian Government has asked the Commission to authorise the use of a new formula for the method used under Decision 96/4/EC and has submitted the elements required under 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>(3)</sup>.

(3) The evaluation of this request has revealed that the conditions for authorising the new grading method are fulfilled.

(4) Decision 96/4/EC should therefore be amended accordingly.

(5) 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*

The Annex to Decision 96/4/EC is hereby replaced by the Annex to this Decision.

*Article 2*

This Decision is addressed to the Republic of Austria.

Done at Brussels, 14 March 2007.

*For the Commission*  
Mariann FISCHER BOEL  
*Member of the Commission*

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 301, 20.11.1984, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 3513/93 (OJ L 320, 22.12.1993, p. 5).

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 1, 3.1.1996, p. 9. Decision as amended by Decision 97/813/EC (OJ L 334, 5.12.1997, p. 41).

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ L 285, 25.10.1985, p. 39. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1197/2006 (OJ L 217, 8.8.2006, p. 6).

## ANNEX

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**ZWEI-PUNKTE-MESSVERFAHREN (ZP)**

1. Grading of pig carcasses shall be carried out by use of the method termed "Zwei-Punkte-Messverfahren (ZP)".
2. The lean meat content of the carcass shall be calculated according to the following formula:

$$\hat{y} = 48,7719 - 0,48330 \times a + 0,23127 \times b$$

where:

$\hat{y}$  = the estimated percentage of lean meat in the carcass,

a = thickness of fat (including rind) in millimetres on the midline of the split carcass at its thinnest part covering the *Musculus gluteus medius*,

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

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

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