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**REGULATION (EEC) No 1967/74 OF THE COUNCIL**

of 23 July 1974

**introducing a system of premiums for the orderly marketing of certain adult bovine animals for slaughter**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community ;

Having regard to Regulation (EEC) No 805/68 <sup>(1)</sup> of 27 June 1968 on the common organization of the market in beef and veal, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1855/74 <sup>(2)</sup>, and in particular Article 22a (2) thereof ;

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission ;

Whereas for several months prices on the Community beef and veal market have been abnormally low, and have fallen below the level of the intervention price, and have led to the adoption of special measures, particularly as regards imports, exports and intervention ;

Whereas these measures do not appear to be adequate to remedy the situation in the near future, particularly since every year the period during which animals are removed from pasture is the time when prices are at their lowest, owing mainly to the increase in supply ;

Whereas, in these circumstances, preventive measures should be taken to contribute towards stabilizing the market and to increasing farmers' returns ; whereas producers should therefore be encouraged to maintain their herds of adult bovine animals, other than cows, intended for slaughter for a period of additional fattening during the coming months,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

*Article 1*

Member States are hereby authorized during the period from 1 August 1974 to 28 February 1975 to grant, on application, a premium for the benefit of producers for the orderly marketing of certain adult

bovine animals for slaughter, other than cows, of Community origin and slaughtered within the Community.

*Article 2*

1. Without prejudice to the detailed rules under Article 4(2) (g), entitlement to the premium shall be established following the slaughter of the animals.

2. The amount of the premium shall vary according to the month during which the slaughter referred to in paragraph 1 takes place.

The premium shall not exceed the following amounts :

<i>Month</i>	<i>Units of Account per Head</i>
August 1974	20
September 1974	30
October 1974	40
November 1974	40
December 1974	50
January 1975	60
February 1975	70

3. If an animal, in respect of which the premium provided for in this Regulation may be granted, is sent from one Member State to another, the premium shall be paid by the Member State from which the animal is sent, on submission of proof of slaughter.

However, two Member States may agree in respect of mutual trade that the premium shall be paid by the Member State in which the animal is slaughtered.

Member States which exercise this option shall inform the Commission thereof.

*Article 3*

Meat coming from animals in respect of which the premium provided for by this Regulation has been paid may not be purchased by intervention agencies.

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No L 148, 28. 6. 1968, p. 24.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ No L 195, 18. 7. 1974, p. 14.

However, Member States are authorized not to apply the first paragraph on condition that they require repayment of the premium.

*Article 4*

1. If the trend of prices recorded on the Community market so permits, the amount of the premium may be reduced or the application of the system provided for by this Regulation may be suspended in accordance with the procedure laid down by Article 27 of Regulation (EEC) No 805/68.

2. The following shall be adopted in accordance with the same procedure :

- (a) further conditions attached to the granting of the premium ;
- (b) the definition of the categories and qualities of animal in respect of which the premium may be granted ;
- (c) detailed methods of supervision ;
- (d) the definition of Community origin as referred to in Article 1 ;
- (e) measures to ensure that it is producers who benefit from the premium, particularly in the case of consignments of adult bovine animals for slaughter sent from one Member State to another ;

- (f) the necessary measures to avoid deflections of normal trade in adult bovine animals which might arise from the system provided for in this Regulation being differently applied in the various Member States ;
- (g) the conditions governing the granting of the premium when the animals are first marketed ;
- (h) the conditions governing reduction and suspension of the premium ;
- (i) the other detailed rules of application.

*Article 5*

The Commission, on the basis of information supplied to it by the Member States, shall submit to the Council a report on the application of the system of premiums. The Council, acting on a proposal from the Commission, shall, before 31 December 1974, adopt possible measures to be applied with effect from 1 March 1975.

*Article 6*

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

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

Done at Brussels, 23 July 1974.

*For the Council*

*The President*

J. SAUVAGNARGUES