

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2016/132**of 1 February 2016****fixing the closing date for the submission of applications for private storage aid for pigmeat under Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/2334**

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 establishing a common organisation of the markets in agricultural products and repealing Council Regulations (EEC) No 922/72, (EEC) No 234/79, (EC) No 1037/2001 and (EC) No 1234/2007 (¹), and in particular point (b) of the first subparagraph and the second subparagraph of Article 18(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Private storage aid granted pursuant to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/2334 (²) has had a favourable effect on the pigmeat market. A further stabilisation of prices is expected.
- (2) The granting of private storage aid for pigmeat should therefore be ended and a closing date for the submission of applications should be set.
- (3) For the sake of legal certainty, Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/2334 should be repealed.
- (4) In order to avoid speculation, this Regulation should enter into force on the day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.
- (5) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Committee for the Common Organisation of Agricultural Markets,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The closing date for the submission of applications for private storage aid for pigmeat under Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/2334 shall be 3 February 2016.

Article 2

Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/2334 is repealed with effect from 3 February 2016.

However, it shall continue to apply in respect of contracts concluded under that Regulation.

Article 3

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

(¹) OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 671.

(²) Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/2334 of 14 December 2015 opening private storage for pigmeat and fixing in advance the amount of aid (OJ L 329, 15.12.2015, p. 10).

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

Done at Brussels, 1 February 2016.

*For the Commission,
On behalf of the President,
Phil HOGAN
Member of the Commission*
