

COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No 1591/96

of 30 July 1996

fixing the basic price and the standard quality for pig carcasses for the period 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2759/75 of 29 October 1975 on the common organization of the market in pigmeat⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 4 (4) thereof,Having regard to the proposal from the Commission⁽²⁾,Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament⁽³⁾,Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee⁽⁴⁾,

Whereas, when the basic price for slaughtered pigs is fixed, account should be taken of the objectives of the common agricultural policy; whereas the objectives of the common agricultural policy are in particular to ensure a fair standard of living for the agricultural community, to ensure that supplies are available and that they reach consumers at reasonable prices;

Whereas the basic price must be fixed in accordance with the criteria laid down in Article 4 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 2759/75 for a standard quality defined by reference to Council Regulation (EEC) No 3220/84 of 13 November 1984 determining the Community scale for grading pig carcasses⁽⁵⁾,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

For the period 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997, the basic price for slaughtered pigs of the standard quality shall be ECU 1 509,39 per tonne.

Article 2

The standard quality shall be defined in terms of carcass weight and lean meat content, determined in accordance with Article 2 (2) and (3) of Regulation (EEC) No 3220/84, as follows:

- (a) carcasses weighing 60 to less than 120 kg: grade E;
- (b) carcasses weighing 120 to 180 kg: grade R.

Article 3

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

It shall apply from 1 July 1996.

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

Done at Brussels, 30 July 1996.

For the Council
The President
H. COVENEY

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 282, 1. 11. 1975, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 3290/94 (OJ No L 349, 31. 12. 1994, p. 105) and by the 1994 Act of Accession.

⁽²⁾ OJ No C 125, 27. 4. 1996, p. 37.

⁽³⁾ OJ No C 166, 10. 6. 1996.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No C 204, 15. 7. 1996, p. 57.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ No L 301, 20. 11. 1984, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 3513/93 (OJ No L 320, 22. 12. 1993, p. 5).