

**COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2332/97**  
of 25 November 1997

**amending for the fifth time Regulation (EC) No 913/97 adopting exceptional support measures for the market in pigmeat in Spain**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

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<sup>(1)</sup>, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 3290/94<sup>(2)</sup>, and in particular Article 20 thereof,

Whereas because of the outbreak of classical swine fever in certain production regions in Spain, exceptional support measures for the market in pigmeat in that Member State were adopted by Commission Regulation (EC) No 913/97<sup>(3)</sup>, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2175/97<sup>(4)</sup>;

Whereas, because of the persistence of classical swine fever in Spain, it is appropriate to reduce the minimum weight of eligible pigs for fattening thus reducing expenditure on this measure and the volume of pigs to be processed in rendering plants;

Whereas, with a view to assuring sound financial management of the support measures, it is necessary to introduce a ceiling for the aid for fattening pigs weighing more than 110 kilograms in order to avoid any abuse of the support measures by a too long and unjustified fattening period;

Whereas the aid granted for the delivery of piglets should be adjusted to the current market situation, taking account of the fall in prices;

Whereas the list of eligible areas in Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 913/97 should be amended to reflect the current veterinary situation;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Pigmeat,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

*Article 1*

Regulation (EC) No 913/97 is hereby amended as follows:

1. in Articles 1 (1) and 4 (1) and (2), '100 kilograms' is replaced by '90 kilograms';
2. in Article 4 (2), '90 kilograms' is replaced by '80 kilograms';
3. in Article 4 (4), 'ECU 60', 'ECU 52' and 'ECU 43' are replaced by 'ECU 50', 'ECU 44' and 'ECU 37' respectively;
4. in Article 4, the following paragraph is added:
 

'6. For fattening pigs weighing more than 110 kilograms on average, the aid can not be higher than the aid fixed pursuant to paragraph 1 for fattening pigs weighing 110 kilograms on average.'
5. Annex II is replaced by the Annex hereto.

*Article 2*

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day of 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, 25 November 1997.

*For the Commission*

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 282, 1. 11. 1975, p. 1.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 349, 31. 12. 1994, p. 105.

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ L 131, 23. 5. 1997, p. 14.

<sup>(4)</sup> OJ L 298, 1. 11. 1997, p. 60.

*ANNEX**ANNEX II*

In the province of Lleida, the protection and surveillance zones as defined in Annexes I and II to the Order of the *Generalitat de Catalunya* of 20 October 1997, published in the Official Journal of the *Generalitat* of 24 October 1997, p. 12077 and of 23 October 1997, published in the Official Journal of the *Generalitat* of 3 November 1997, p. 12394.

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