

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 103/2006**of 20 January 2006****adopting additional provisions for the application of the Community scale for the classification of carcasses of adult bovine animals**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1254/1999 of 17 May 1999 on the common organisation of the market in beef and veal ⁽¹⁾,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1208/81 of 28 April 1981 determining the Community scale for the classification of carcasses of adult bovine animals ⁽²⁾, and in particular the first paragraph of Article 6 thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2930/81 of 12 October 1981 adopting additional provisions for the application of the Community scale for the classification of carcasses of adult bovine animals ⁽³⁾ has been substantially amended ⁽⁴⁾. In the interests of clarity and rationality the said Regulation should be codified.

(2) In order to ensure the uniform classification of the carcasses of adult bovine animals in the Community, it is necessary to make the definitions of classes of conformation and fat cover more precise.

(3) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Beef and Veal,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The additional provisions making the definitions of classes of conformation and fat cover more precise as referred to in the first paragraph of Article 6 of Regulation (EEC) No 1208/81 shall be as listed in Annex I to this Regulation.

Article 2

Regulation (EEC) No 2930/81 is repealed.

References to the repealed Regulation shall be construed as references to this Regulation and shall be read in accordance with the correlation table in Annex III.

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on the 20th day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

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

Done at Brussels, 20 January 2006.

For the Commission
The President

José Manuel BARROSO

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 21. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1913/2005 (OJ L 307, 25.11.2005, p. 2).

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 123, 7.5.1981, p. 3. Regulation as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1026/91 (OJ L 106, 26.4.1991, p. 2).

⁽³⁾ OJ L 293, 13.10.1981, p. 6. Regulation as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2237/91 (OJ L 204, 27.7.1991, p. 11).

⁽⁴⁾ See Annex II.

ANNEX I

1. CONFORMATION

Development of carcass profiles, and in particular the essential parts (round, back, shoulder)

Conformation class	Additional provisions	
S Superior	Round: very highly rounded doublemuscle visibly separated seams Back: very wide and very thick, up to the shoulder Shoulder: very rounded	Topside spreads very markedly over the symphysis (<i>symphysis pelvis</i>) Rump very rounded
E Excellent	Round: very rounded Back: wide and very thick, up to the shoulder Shoulder: very rounded	Topside spreads markedly over the symphysis (<i>symphysis pelvis</i>) Rump very rounded
U Very good	Round: rounded Back: wide and thick, up to the shoulder Shoulder: rounded	Topside spreads over the symphysis (<i>symphysis pelvis</i>) Rump rounded
R Good	Round: well-developed Back: still thick but less wide at the shoulder Shoulder: fairly well-developed	Topside and rump are slightly rounded
O Fair	Round: average development to lacking development Back: average thickness to lacking thickness Shoulder: average development to almost flat	Rump straight profile
P Poor	Round: poorly developed Back: narrow with bones visible Shoulder: flat with bones visible	

2. DEGREE OF FAT COVER

Amount of fat on the outside of the carcass and in the thoracic cavity

Class of fat cover	Additional provisions
1 low	No fat within the thoracic cavity
2 slight	Within the thoracic cavity the muscle is clearly visible between the ribs
3 average	Within the thoracic cavity the muscle is still visible between the ribs
4 high	The seams of fat on the round are prominent. Within the thoracic cavity the muscle between the ribs may be infiltrated with fat
5 very high	The round is almost completely covered with fat, so that the seams of fat are no longer clearly visible. Within the thoracic cavity the muscle between the ribs is infiltrated with fat

ANNEX II

Repealed Regulation with its successive amendment

Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2930/81 (OJ L 293, 13.10.1981, p. 6)

Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2237/91 (OJ L 204, 27.7.1991, p. 11)

ANNEX III

Correlation Table

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