

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 472/2006**of 22 March 2006****derogating for 2006 from Regulation (EC) No 1518/2003 regarding the date of issue of export licences in the pigmeat sector**

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 organisation of the market in pigmeat ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 8(2) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Article 3(3) of Commission Regulation (EC) No 1518/2003 of 28 August 2003 laying down detailed rules for implementing the system of export licences in the pigmeat sector ⁽²⁾ provides that export licences are to be issued on the Wednesday following the week in which the licence applications have been lodged, provided that no special measures have since been taken by the Commission.

(2) In view of the public holidays in 2006 and the irregular publication of the *Official Journal of the European Union* during those holidays, the period between the submission of applications and the day on which the licences are to

be issued will be too brief to guarantee proper administration of the market and so should be extended.

(3) 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

Notwithstanding Article 3(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1518/2003, licences shall be delivered for 2006 on the dates set out in the Annex to this Regulation.

This derogation shall apply provided that none of the special measures referred to in Article 3(4) of Regulation (EC) No 1518/2003 have been taken before the dates of issue in question.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third 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, 22 March 2006.

For the Commission

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⁽¹⁾ OJ L 282, 1.11.1975, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1913/2005 (OJ L 307, 25.11.2005, p. 2).

⁽²⁾ OJ L 217, 29.8.2003, p. 35. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1361/2004 (OJ L 253, 29.7.2004, p. 9).

ANNEX

Period for submission of licence applications	Dates of issue
from 10 to 14 April 2006	20 April 2006
from 24 to 28 April 2006	4 May 2006
from 1 to 5 May 2006	11 May 2006
from 29 May to 2 June 2006	8 June 2006
from 7 to 11 August 2006	17 August 2006
from 23 to 27 October 2006	3 November 2006
from 18 to 22 December 2006	28 December 2006
from 25 to 29 December 2006	5 January 2007