

REGULATION (EEC) No 990/68 OF THE COUNCIL

of 15 July 1968

on general rules for fixing the levy on certain kinds of frozen beef and veal

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community;

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 805/68¹ of 27 June 1968 on the common organisation of the market in beef and veal, and in particular the second subparagraph of Article 13 (2) thereof;

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission;

Whereas the guide price of the corresponding product is a factor in the calculation of the levy on frozen meats; whereas the formula laid down for such calculation would consequently give different results for beef and veal; whereas in view of the difficulty, indeed the impossibility in certain cases, of distinguishing frozen veal from frozen beef at the time of importation, it is necessary to stipulate that the above-mentioned calculation should be based in all cases on the guide price for adult bovine animals; whereas the choice of this guide price is consistent, moreover, with the method of calculation in Article 13 of Regulation (EEC) No 805/68, since the other factors in this calculation either do not distinguish between the two categories of meat or refer to adult bovine animals;

Whereas the coefficient mentioned in Article 13 (2) (a) of Regulation (EEC) No 805/68, expresses the ratio existing in the Community between the price for fresh meat of a quality competitive with the frozen meat in question, presented in the same form, and the average price for adult bovine animals;

Whereas sufficiently representative quotations for the different qualities of fresh meat do not exist in each Member State; whereas the price of this meat should therefore be determined from the price resulting from averaging the prices of adult bovine animals for processing and of adult bovine animals of average quality for consumption weighted by fixed coefficients which take account of the quantitative ratio existing on importation between frozen meats for these two uses, such average being obtained by means

of coefficients expressing the value ratio between the meat in question and that of adult bovine animals;

Whereas for recording the prices of these qualities of adult bovine animals the method described in Article 10 (4) of Regulation (EEC) No 805/68 should be employed, account should be taken of the relative magnitude of the bovine stock of each Member State and the prices should be recorded over a period which is sufficiently representative of the Community market situation;

Whereas, with regard to the price of adult bovine animals mentioned in Article 13 (2) (a) of Regulation (EEC) No 805/68, the method described in Article 10 (4) of that Regulation should be employed and the price recorded over the same period;

Whereas, pursuant to Article 13 (2) (b) of Regulation (EEC) No 805/68, the world market price for frozen meat should be based on the most favourable purchasing opportunities among those which are most representative, as regards quality and quantity, of the trend of that market;

Whereas, to make it comparable with the guide price, the world market price should be determined in the first place with reference to free-at-Community-frontier offers or, where such offers are not sufficiently representative of the market situation, to world market offers delivered free-at-Community-frontier;

Whereas, so that the maximum information may be obtained, all the products listed in section (c) of the Annex to Regulation (EEC) No 805/68 should be taken into account; whereas, for such products which are not covered by the first subparagraph of Article 13 (2) of that Regulation, the offer price should be converted into a price relating to the products covered by that subparagraph by means of coefficients which can be those referred to in Article 13 (3) of that Regulation;

Whereas, to avoid too frequent alteration of the levy, a certain margin should be allowed within which variations in the factors entering into the calculation of the world market price do not entail an alteration of that price;

¹ OJ No L 148, 28.6.1968, p. 24.

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The guide price for the corresponding product referred to in Article 13 (2) (a) of Regulation (EEC) No 805/68 shall be the guide price for adult bovine animals.

Article 2

1. The coefficient mentioned in Article 13 (2) (a) of Regulation (EEC) No 805/68 shall be calculated in accordance with the following paragraphs.

2. The price of fresh meat of a quality competitive with frozen meat shall be determined on the basis of the price resulting from averaging the prices of representative qualities, converted into prices for carcasses or half carcasses.

(a) of adult bovine animals for processing within the Community; and

(b) of adult bovine animals for direct consumption in the Community,

such average being weighted by means of fixed coefficients which take account of the quantitative ratio existing on importation between frozen meats for the same uses as those indicated in (a) or (b).

3. The average of the prices for adult bovine animals mentioned in the preceding paragraph shall be determined on the basis of prices recorded on the representative market or markets of each Member State for the qualities in question, account being taken of the relative magnitude of the bovine stock of each Member State over a period which is sufficiently representative of the Community market situation.

4. The average price of adult bovine animals mentioned in Article 13 (2) (a) of Regulation (EEC) No

805/68 shall be the price determined in accordance with Article 10 (4) of that Regulation over the period mentioned in the preceding paragraph.

Article 3

At least once a year the factors entering into the calculation of the coefficient mentioned in Article 13 (2) (a) of Regulation (EEC) No 805/68 shall be reviewed.

Article 4

1. The most favourable purchasing opportunities among those which are most representative, as regards quality and quantity, of the trend of the world market, as mentioned in Article 13 (2) (b) of Regulation (EEC) No 805/68, shall be determined in the first place with reference to free-at-Community-frontier offers or, where such offers are not sufficiently representative of the market situation, world market offers delivered free-at-Community-frontier for each of the products listed in Section (c) of the Annex to Regulation (EEC) No 805/68.

For products other than those covered by the first subparagraph of Article 13 (2) of that Regulation, the offer price shall be converted into a price relating to the products covered by that subparagraph by means of the coefficients referred to in Article 13 (3) of that Regulation.

2. No account shall be taken of a variation in the world market price not exceeding an amount to be determined.

Article 5

This Regulation shall enter into force on 29 July 1968.

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

Done at Brussels 15 July 1968.

For the Council

The President

G. SEDATI