

COMMISSION DECISION
of 20 December 1993
amending Decision 88/184/EEC authorizing a method for grading pig carcasses
in Belgium

(Only the French and Dutch texts are authentic)

(93/703/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 3220/84 of 13 November 1984 determining the Community scale for grading pig carcasses ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 3577/90 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 5 (2) thereof,

Whereas Commission Decision 88/184/EEC ⁽³⁾ has introduced a grading method for use in Belgium;

Whereas the Government of Belgium has requested the Commission to authorize the application of a new formula for the calculation of the lean meat content of carcasses in the framework of the existing grading method and has submitted the details required in Article 3 of Regulation (EEC) No 2967/85 ⁽⁴⁾; whereas an examination of this request has revealed that the conditions for authorizing the new formula are fulfilled;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Pigeat,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Point 3 of the Annex to Decision 88/184/EEC is replaced by the following:

3. The lean meat content of the carcass shall be calculated according to the following formula:

$$\hat{y} = 112,19 - 0,6184 x_1 + 0,5037 x_2 - 0,7234 x_3 - 36,2413 x_4 + 0,0448 x_5$$

where

\hat{y} = the estimated percentage of lean meat in the carcass,

x_1 = the thickness of fat (including rind) in millimetres, covering the lumbar muscle (*M. glutaesus medius*), measured at its thinnest point,

x_2 = the width of the leg in millimetres, measured at its thickest point,

x_3 = the width of the half-carcass at the flank in millimetres, measured at its narrowest point,

x_4 = the coefficient $\frac{x_2}{x_3}$,

x_5 = the angle of the leg in degrees, measured against the horizontal line.

The formula shall be valid for carcasses weighing between 50 and 110 kilograms.'

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Kingdom of Belgium.

Done at Brussels, 20 December 1993.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 301, 20. 11. 1984, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 353, 17. 12. 1990, p. 23.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 83, 29. 3. 1988, p. 40.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 285, 25. 10. 1985, p. 39.