

COMMISSION DECISION

of 13 January 1972

on limiting, in certain Member States, the number of weight grades in the Community grading scale set out in Regulation (EEC) No 2108/70

(72/84/EEC)

(Only the French, German and Dutch texts are authentic)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community;

Having regard to Council Regulation No 121/67/EEC¹ of 13 June 1967 on the common organization of the market in pigmeat, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2727/71²;

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2108/70³ of 20 October 1970 determining the Community scale for grading pig carcasses, and in particular Article 1 (2) thereof;

Whereas Article 1 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 2108/70 provides that Member States which so request may, in view of the characteristics of their pigmeat production, be authorized to replace the weight grades for pig carcasses of 90 kg and more in commercial grades I, II and III by a single weight grade to include pig carcasses weighing 90 kg and more, the fat of which does not exceed a certain thickness; whereas all Member States except Italy have made such a request;

Whereas pig carcasses of 90 kg and more in the commercial grades mentioned account for only a very small proportion of the market in these Member States and, moreover, pig carcasses in weight grades exceeding 100 kg are exceptional; whereas the request should therefore be granted;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the Opinion of the Management Committee for Pigmeat,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The Member States mentioned in Article 2 are authorized to replace the weight grades for pig carcasses of 90 kg and more in commercial grades I, II and III in Annex I to Regulation (EEC) No 2108/70 by a single weight grade to include pig carcasses of 90 kg or more of which the thickness of the fat does not exceed:

in grade I : 35 mm
in grade II : 40 mm
in grade III : 45mm.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Kingdom of Belgium, the Federal Republic of Germany, the French Republic, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

Done at Brussels, 13 January 1972.

For the Commission

The President

Franco M. MALFATTI

¹ OJ No 117, 19.6.1967, p. 2283/67.

² OJ No L 282, 23.12.1971, p. 8.

³ OJ No L 234, 23.10.1970, p. 1.