

**COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2868/2000
of 27 December 2000**

amending Regulation (EC) No 571/97 establishing detailed rules for the application in the pigmeat sector of the Interim Agreement on trade and trade-related measures between the European Community, the European Coal and Steel Community and the European Atomic Energy Community, of the one part, and the Republic of Slovenia, of the other part

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

meat sectors it is necessary to review the level of security set in Regulation (EC) No 571/97.

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

(5) Application of this Regulation from 1 July 2000 in parallel with Regulation (EC) No 2475/2000 is required.

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 2475/2000 of 7 November 2000 establishing certain concessions in the form of Community tariff quotas for certain agricultural products and providing for an adjustment, as an autonomous and transitional measure, of certain agricultural concessions provided for in the Europe agreement with Slovenia ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 1(3) thereof,

(6) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Pigmeat,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Whereas:

Article 1

(1) Commission Regulation (EC) No 571/97 ⁽²⁾ lays down rules of application in the pigmeat sector for the arrangements in the Interim Agreement on trade and trade-related measures between European Communities and the Republic of Slovenia. It should be amended in line with the provisions on pigmeat products in Regulation (EC) No 2475/2000.

Regulation (EC) No 571/97 is amended as follows:

1. Paragraph 3 of Article 4 is replaced by the following:

'A security of EUR 20 per 100 kg shall be lodged for import licence applications for all products referred to in Article 1.'

(2) Repayment of import duties on products listed in Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 571/97 as it existed before entry into force of this Regulation and imported under licences used from 1 July 2000 falls within the scope of Articles 878 to 898 of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2454/93 of 2 July 1993 laying down provisions for the implementation of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2913/92 establishing the Community Customs Code ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2787/2000 ⁽⁴⁾.

2. Article 5 is replaced by the following:

'For the purposes of Article 21(2) of Regulation (EEC) No 3719/88 import licences shall be valid for 150 days from their actual date of issue.

However, licences shall not be valid beyond 31 December of the year of issue.

Licences shall not be transferable.'

(3) In order to ensure proper management of the quantities it is necessary to set a final date for the validity of licences at the end of each quota year.

3. Annex I is replaced by the Annex to this Regulation.

(4) In order to facilitate trade of pigmeat and to harmonise the levels of securities for import licences within the

Article 2

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

It shall apply with effect from 1 July 2000.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 286, 11.11.2000, p. 15.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 85, 27.3.1997, p. 56.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 253, 11.10.1993, p. 1.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 330, 27.12.2000, p. 1.

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

Done at Brussels, 27 December 2000.

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission

ANNEX

ANNEX I

Reductions to the Common Customs Tariff duty

Order No	Group No	CN code	Description ⁽¹⁾	Applicable duty (% of MFN)	Annual quantity for 2000 (tonnes)	Annual quantity for 2001 (tonnes)	Annual quantity for successive years (tonnes)	Special provisions
09.4113	23	0210 11 31	Domestic swine hams and cuts thereof, with bone in, dried or smoked	Free	200	400	400	(²)
09.4089	24	ex 1601 00 91 ex 1601 00 99	Sausages and similar products, of meat, offal or blood; other than poultry	20	130	140	150	
09.4114	25	0210 19 81	Dried or smoked boneless domestic swine meat	Free	75	150	150	(²)
09.4120	26	ex 1601 00	Sausages and similar products, of meat, offal or blood; of poultry	Free	500	1 000	1 000	(²)

(¹) Notwithstanding the rules for the interpretation of the Combined Nomenclature, the wording of the description of the products is to be considered as having no more than indicative value, the preferential scheme being determined, within the context of this Annex, by the coverage of the CN code. Where ex CN codes are indicated, the preferential scheme is to be determined by application to the CN code and corresponding description taken together.

(²) For year 2000 the concession applies from 1 July 2000 on.