COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 531/2004

of 22 March 2004

determining the extent to which applications lodged in March 2004 for import licences for certain pigmeat products under the regime provided for by the Agreement concluded by the Community with Slovenia can be accepted

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 571/97 of 26 March 1997 laying down detailed rules for the application in the pigmeat sector of the arrangements provided for in the Interim Agreement between the Community and Slovenia [1], and in particular Article 4(4) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) The applications for import licences lodged for the second quarter of 2004 are for quantities less than the quantities available and can therefore be met in full.

(2) It is appropriate to draw the attention of operators to the fact that licences may only be used for products which comply with all veterinary rules currently in force in the Community,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. Applications for import licences for the period 1 April to 30 June 2004 submitted pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 571/97 shall be met as referred to in the Annex.

2. Licences may only be used for products which comply with all veterinary rules currently in force in the Community.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 April 2004.

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

Done at Brussels, 22 March 2004.

For the Commission
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[1] OJ L 85, 27.3.1997, p. 56. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1935/2003 (OJ L 285, 1.11.2003, p. 20).