COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 529/2003

of 24 March 2003

amending Regulations (EC) No 1279/98, (EC) No 1128/1999, (EC) No 1247/1999 and (EC) No 140/2003 as regards certain tariff quotas for beef and veal products from Romania

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1254/1999 of 17 May 1999 on the common organisation of the market in beef and veal [1], as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 2345/2001 [2], and in particular Article 32(1) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) The Protocol approved by Council Decision 2003/18/EC of 19 December 2002 concerning the conclusion of a Protocol adjusting the trade aspects of the Europe Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Romania, of the other part, to take account of the outcome of negotiations between the Parties on new mutual agricultural concessions [3] provides for new concessions as regards the importation of certain beef and veal products under the tariff quotas opened by that Agreement. They apply from 1 April 2003.

(2) Commission Regulation (EC) No 1279/98 of 19 June 1998 laying down detailed rules for applying the tariff quotas for beef and veal provided for in Regulations (EC) No 2290/2000, (EC) No 2433/2000, (EC) No 2434/2000, (EC) No 2435/2000, (EC) No 2851/2000 and (EC) No 1408/2002 for Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, the Slovak Republic, Romania, the Republic of Poland and the Republic of Hungary [4], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1634/2002 [5], Commission Regulation (EC) No 1128/1999 of 28 May 1999 laying down detailed rules of application for a tariff quota for calves weighing not more than 80 kilograms originating in certain third countries [6], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1634/2002, Commission Regulation (EC) No 1247/1999 of 16 June 1999 laying down detailed rules for the application of a tariff quota for live bovine animals weighing from 80 to 300 kilograms and originating in certain third countries [7], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1634/2002, and Commission Regulation (EC) No 140/2003 of 27 January 2003 determining the percentage of quantities which may be allowed in respect of import licence applications lodged in January 2003 under tariff quotas for beef and veal provided for in Regulation (EC) No 1279/98 for the Republic of Poland, the Republic of Hungary, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Bulgaria and Romania [8], should therefore be amended with effect from 1 April 2003.

(3) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Beef and Veal,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Regulation (EC) No 1279/98 is hereby amended as follows:

1. The title is replaced by the following:

'Commission Regulation (EC) No 1279/98 of 19 June 1998 laying down detailed rules for applying the tariff quotas for beef and veal provided for in Council Regulations (EC) No 2290/2000, (EC) No 2433/2000, (EC) No 2434/2000, (EC) No 2851/2000 and (EC) No 1408/2002 and Council Decision 2003/18/EC for Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, the Republic of Poland, the Republic of Hungary and Romania.'

2. The first paragraph of Article 1 is replaced by the following:

'Import licences must be presented for imports into the Community of the products listed in Annex I hereto under the quotas provided for in Council Regulations (EC) No 2290/2000 (*), (EC) No 2433/2000 (**), (EC) No 2434/2000 (***), (EC) No 2851/2000 (****) and (EC) No 1408/2002 (*****) and Council Decision 2003/18/EC (******).

(*) OJ L 262, 17.10.2000, p. 1.
(**) OJ L 280, 4.11.2000, p. 1.
(***) OJ L 280, 4.11.2000, p. 9.
(****) OJ L 332, 28.12.2000, p. 7.
(*****) OJ L 205, 2.8.2002, p. 9.
(******) OJ L 8, 14.1.2003, p. 18.'

[1] OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 21.
[2] OJ L 315, 1.12.2001, p. 29.
[3] OJ L 8, 14.1.2003, p. 18.
[4] OJ L 176, 20.6.1998, p. 12.
[5] OJ L 247, 14.9.2002, p. 7.
[6] OJ L 135, 29.5.1999, p. 50.
[7] OJ L 150, 17.6.1999, p. 18.
[8] OJ L 23, 28.1.2003, p. 6.