COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 505/2003

of 20 March 2003

determining the extent to which applications lodged in March 2003 for import licences for certain pigmeat products under the regime provided for by the Agreements concluded by the Community with the Republic of Poland, the Republic of Hungary, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Bulgaria and Romania 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 1898/97 of 29 September 1997 laying down detailed rules for the application in the pigmeat sector of the arrangements provided for by Council Regulations (EC) No 1727/2000, (EC) No 2290/2000, (EC) No 2433/2000, (EC) No 2434/2000, (EC) No 2435/2000 and (EC) No 2851/2000 and repealing Regulations (EEC) No 2698/93 and (EC) No 1590/94 [1], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1877/2002 [2], and in particular Article 4(5) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) The applications for import licences lodged for the second quarter of 2003 are, in the case of some products, for quantities less than or equal to the quantities available and can therefore be met in full, but in the case of other products the said applications are for quantities greater than the quantities available and must therefore be reduced by a fixed percentage to ensure a fair distribution.

(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 2003 submitted pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1898/97 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 2003.

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

Done at Brussels, 20 March 2003.

For the Commission
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[1] OJ L 267, 30.9.1997, p. 58.
[2] OJ L 248, 22.10.2002, p. 9.