COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 433/2002

of 8 March 2002

amending Regulation (EC) No 713/2001 on the purchase of beef under Regulation (EC) No 690/2001

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 Regulation (EC) No 2345/2001 [2],

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 690/2001 of 3 April 2001 on special market support measures in the beef sector [3], as amended by Regulation (EC) No 2595/2001 [4], and in particular Article 2(2),

Whereas:

(1) Regulation (EC) No 690/2001 provides in its Article 2(2) in particular for the opening or the suspension of tendering for purchase of beef depending on the average market prices for the reference class during the two most recent weeks with price quotations preceding the tender.

(2) The application of Article 2 referred to above results in the opening of purchase by tender in a number of Member States. Commission Regulation (EC) No 713/2001 [5], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 342/2002 [6], on the purchase of beef under Regulation (EC) No 690/2001 should be amended accordingly.

(3) Since this Regulation should be applied immediately it is necessary to provide for its entry into force on the day of its publication,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The Annex to Regulation (EC) No 713/2001 is replaced by the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 9 March 2002.

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

Done at Brussels, 8 March 2002.

For the Commission

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[1] OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 21.
[2] OJ L 315, 1.12.2001, p. 29.
[3] OJ L 95, 5.4.2001, p. 8.
[4] OJ L 345, 29.12.2001, p. 33.
[5] OJ L 100, 11.4.2001, p. 3.
[6] OJ L 53, 23.2.2002, p. 18.