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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 establishing a common organisation of the markets in agricultural products and repealing Council Regulations (EEC) No 922/72, (EEC) No 234/79, (EC) No 1037/2001 and (EC) No 1234/2007[(1)], and in particular Article 20(p) and (t) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Point 1 of Section B.IV of Annex IV to Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 provides that, for the classification of pig carcasses, the lean-meat content has to be assessed by means of grading methods authorised by the Commission and only statistically proven assessment methods based on the physical measurement of one or more anatomical parts of the pig carcass may be authorised. The authorisation of grading methods should be subject to compliance with a maximum tolerance for statistical error in assessment. That tolerance is defined in Part A of Annex V to Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2017/1182[(2)].

(2) By Commission Decision 2005/240/EC[(3)], the use of eight methods for grading pig carcasses was authorised in Poland. By that Decision Poland was also authorised to provide for a presentation of pig carcasses with the flare fat, kidneys and/or diaphragm.

(3) Poland has requested the Commission to authorise three new methods for grading pig carcasses in its territory and has presented a detailed description of the dissection trials, indicating the principles on which these methods are based, the results of its dissection trials and the equations used for assessing the percentage of lean meat in the protocol provided for in Article 11(3) of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2017/1182.

(4) Examination of that request has revealed that the conditions for authorising the new grading methods are fulfilled. Those grading methods should therefore be authorised in Poland.

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(5) In accordance with Article 20(t) of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 Poland has also requested to be authorised to provide for a presentation of pig carcasses different from the standard presentation defined in Section B.III of Annex IV to that Regulation. Due to current normal commercial practices, pig carcasses are presented in Poland with the flare fat, kidneys and/or diaphragm and without the external auditory canal. Therefore, the recorded weight of the carcasses does not correspond to the weight for standard presentation.

(6) Examination of that request revealed that the conditions for authorising a different presentation of pig carcasses in Poland are fulfilled. Poland should therefore be authorised to provide for a presentation of pig carcasses with the flare fat, kidneys and/or diaphragm and without the external auditory canal. The weight recorded for the carcasses should be adjusted accordingly to the weight for standard presentation.

(7) Decision 2005/240/EC should therefore be amended accordingly.

(8) Modifications of the apparatus or grading methods should not be allowed, unless they are explicitly authorised by Commission Implementing Decision.

(9) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Committee for the Common Organisation of the Agricultural Markets,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Decision 2005/240/EC is amended as follows:

(1) Article 1 is replaced by the following:

Article 1

The use of the following methods is authorised for grading pig carcasses pursuant to point 1 of Section B.IV of Annex IV to Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council[(4)] in Poland:

(a) the “Capteur Gras/Maigre — Sydel (CGM)” apparatus and the assessment methods related thereto, details of which are given in Part 1 of the Annex;

(b) the “Ultra FOM 300” apparatus and the assessment methods related thereto, details of which are given in Part 2 of the Annex;

(c) the “Fully automatic ultrasonic carcass grading (Autofom)” apparatus and the assessment methods related thereto, details of which are given in Part 3 of the Annex;

(d) the “IM-03” apparatus and the assessment methods related thereto, details of which are given in Part 4 of the Annex;

(e) the “Autofom III” apparatus and the assessment methods related thereto, details of which are given in Part 5 of the Annex;

(f) the “CSB Image-Meater (CSB)” apparatus and the assessment methods related thereto, details of which are given in Part 6 of the Annex;

(g) the "Fat-O-Meater II (FOM II)" apparatus and the assessment methods related thereto, details of which are given in Part 7 of the Annex;

(h) the "manual method (ZP)" and the assessment methods related thereto, details of which are given in Part 8 of the Annex;

(i) the "gmSCAN" apparatus and the assessment methods related thereto, details of which are given in Part 9 of the Annex;

(j) the "ESTIMEAT" apparatus and the assessment methods related thereto, details of which are given in Part 10 of the Annex;

(k) the "MEAT3D" apparatus and the assessment methods related thereto, details of which are given in Part 11 of the Annex.

As regards the apparatus "Ultra FOM 300", referred to in point (b) of the first subparagraph, after the end of the measurement procedure it must be possible to verify on the carcass that the apparatus measured the values of measurement F1 and F2 on the site provided for in the Annex, Part 2, point 3. The corresponding marking of the measurement site must be made at the same time as the measurement procedure.

The manual method ZP, referred to in point (h) of the first subparagraph, shall only be authorised for abattoirs having a slaughter line with a capacity to process no more than 40 pigs per hour.;

(2) Article 2 is replaced by the following:

Article 2

Notwithstanding the standard presentation referred to Section B.III of Annex IV to Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013, the flare fat, the kidneys and the diaphragm need not be removed from pig carcasses before being weighed and graded whereas the external auditory canal may be removed. In order to establish quotations for pig carcasses on a comparable basis, the recorded hot weight shall be:

(a) reduced:

(1) for diaphragm by 0,23 %;

(2) for flare fat and kidneys by:

— 1,90 % for carcasses grade S and E,
— 2,11 % for carcasses grade U,
— 2,54 % for carcasses grade R,
— 3,12 % for carcasses grade O,
— 3,35 % for carcasses grade P;

(b) increased by 260 grams per carcass for both external auditory canals.;

(3) the Annex is amended in accordance with the Annex to this Decision.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Republic of Poland.

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Done at Brussels, 11 February 2019.

For the Commission

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