COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 118/2003

of 23 January 2003

fixing the export refunds on beef and veal and amending Regulations (EEC) No 3846/87 establishing an agricultural product nomenclature for export refunds and (EC) No 1445/95 on rules of application for import and export licences in the beef and veal sector

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 33(12) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Article 33 of Regulation (EC) No 1254/1999 provides that the difference between prices on the world market for the products listed in Article 1 of that Regulation and prices for those products within the Community may be covered by an export refund.

(2) Regulation (EEC) No 32/82 [3], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 744/2000 [4], Regulation (EEC) No 1964/82 [5], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2772/2000 [6], and Regulation (EEC) No 2388/84 [7], as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 3661/92 [8], lay down the conditions for granting special export refunds on certain cuts of beef and veal and certain preserved beef and veal products.

(3) It follows from applying those rules and criteria to the foreseeable situation on the market in beef and veal that the refund should be as set out below.

(4) With regard to live animals, for reasons of simplification export refunds should no longer be granted for categories with insignificant trade with third countries. Moreover, in light of the general concern of animal welfare, export refunds for live animals for slaughter should be limited as much as possible. Consequently, export refunds for such animals should only be granted for third countries which for cultural and/or religious reasons traditionally import substantial numbers of animals for domestic slaughter. As to live animals for reproduction, in order to prevent any abuse export refunds for pure-bred breeding animals should be limited to heifers and cows of no more than 30 months of age.

(5) Export refunds should be granted for certain destinations on some fresh or chilled meat listed in the Annex under CN code 0201, on some frozen meat listed in the Annex under CN code 0202, on some meat or offal listed in the Annex under CN code 0206 and on some other prepared or preserved meat or offal listed in the Annex under CN code 1602 50 10.

(6) In view of the wide differences in products covered by CN codes 0201 20 90 9700 and 0202 20 90 9100 used for refund purposes, refunds should only be granted on cuts in which the weight of bone does not exceed one third.

(7) In the case of meat of bovine animals, boned or boneless, salted and dried, there are traditional trade flows to Switzerland. To allow this trade to continue, the refund should be set to cover the difference between prices on the Swiss market and export prices in the Member States.

(8) In the case of certain other cuts and preserves of meat or offal shown in the Annex under CN codes 1602 50 31 to 1602 50 80, the Community presence of international trade may be maintained by granting a refund corresponding to that at present available.

(9) In the case of other beef and veal products, a refund need not be fixed since the Community's share of world trade is not significant.

(10) Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3846/87 [9], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2319/2002 [10], establishes the agricultural product nomenclature for the purposes of export refunds. Following the introduction of refunds for pure-bred breeding female animals of maximum 30 months of age, the product nomenclature referred to above should be modified.

(11) In order to simplify customs export formalities for operators, the refunds on all frozen cuts should be brought into line with those on fresh or chilled cuts other than those from adult male bovine animals.

[1] OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 21.
[2] OJ L 315, 1.12.2001, p. 29.
[3] OJ L 4, 8.1.1982, p. 11.
[4] OJ L 89, 11.4.2000, p. 3.
[5] OJ L 212, 21.7.1982, p. 48.
[6] OJ L 321, 19.12.2000, p. 35.
[7] OJ L 221, 18.8.1984, p. 28.
[8] OJ L 370, 19.12.1992, p. 16.
[9] OJ L 366, 24.12.1987, p. 1.
[10] OJ L 354, 30.12.2002, p. 1.

(12) Checks on products covered by CN code 1602 50 should be stepped up by making the granting of refunds on these products conditional on manufacture under the arrangements provided for in Article 4 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 565/80 of 4 March 1980 on the advance payment of export refunds in respect of agricultural products [1], as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2026/83 [2].

(13) Refunds should be granted only on products that are allowed to move freely in the Community. Therefore, to be eligible for a refund, products should be required to bear the health mark laid down in Council Directive 64/433/EEC [3], as last amended by Directive 95/23/EC [4], Council Directive 94/65/EC [5] and Council Directive 77/99/EEC [6], as last amended by Directive 97/76/EC [7], respectively.

(14) Under Article 6(2) of Regulation (EEC) No 1964/82, the special refund is to be reduced if the quantity of boned meat to be exported amounts to less than 95 %, but not less than 85 %, of the total weight of cuts produced by boning.

(15) The negotiations on the adoption of additional concessions, held within the framework of the Europe Agreements between the European Community and the associated Central and Eastern European Countries, aim in particular to liberalise trade in products covered by the common organisation of the market in beef and veal. On this background, Romania should be removed from the list of destinations giving rise to the grant of a refund. The abolition of refunds may not, however, lead to the creation of a differentiated refund for exports to other countries.

(16) 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

1. The list of products on which export refunds as referred to in Article 33 of Regulation (EC) No 1254/1999 are granted and the amount thereof and the destinations shall be as set out in Annex I to this Regulation.

2. The products must meet the relevant health marking requirements of:

— Chapter XI of Annex I to Directive 64/433/EEC,

— Chapter VI of Annex I to Directive 94/65/EC,

— Chapter VI of Annex B to Directive 77/99/EEC.

Article 2

In the case referred to in the third subparagraph of Article 6(2) of Regulation (EEC) No 1964/82 the rate of the refund on products falling within product CN code 0201 30 00 9100 shall be reduced by EUR 14,00/100 kg.

Article 3

The fact that no refund has been fixed for exports to Estonia, Lithuania, Latvia, Hungary and Romania shall not be considered to mean that there is a differentiated refund.

Article 4

1. Section 5 of the Annex to Regulation (EEC) No 3846/87 is replaced by Annex II to this Regulation.

2. Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 1445/95 is replaced by Annex III to this Regulation.

Article 5

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

It shall apply to export licences applied for from 3 February 2003.

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

Done at Brussels, 23 January 2003.

For the Commission

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[1] OJ L 62, 7.3.1980, p. 5.
[2] OJ L 199, 22.7.1983, p. 12.
[3] OJ L 121, 29.7.1964, p. 2012.
[4] OJ L 243, 11.10.1995, p. 7.
[5] OJ L 368, 31.12.1994, p. 10.
[6] OJ L 26, 31.1.1977, p. 85.
[7] OJ L 10, 16.11.1998, p. 25.

ANNEX I

to the Commission Regulation of 23 January 2003 fixing export refunds on beef

Product code	Destination	Unit of measurement	Refunds (7)
0102 10 10 9140	B00	EUR/100 kg live weight	53,00
0102 10 30 9140	B00	EUR/100 kg live weight	53,00
0102 90 71 9000	B11	EUR/100 kg live weight	41,00
0201 10 00 9110 (1)	B02	EUR/100 kg net weight	71,50
	B03	EUR/100 kg net weight	43,00
	039	EUR/100 kg net weight	23,50
0201 10 00 9120	B02	EUR/100 kg net weight	33,50
	B03	EUR/100 kg net weight	10,00
	039	EUR/100 kg net weight	11,50
0201 10 00 9130 (1)	B02	EUR/100 kg net weight	97,00
	B03	EUR/100 kg net weight	56,50
	039	EUR/100 kg net weight	33,50
0201 10 00 9140	B02	EUR/100 kg net weight	46,00
	B03	EUR/100 kg net weight	14,00
	039	EUR/100 kg net weight	16,00
0201 20 20 9110 (1)	B02	EUR/100 kg net weight	97,00
	B03	EUR/100 kg net weight	56,50
	039	EUR/100 kg net weight	33,50
0201 20 20 9120	B02	EUR/100 kg net weight	46,00
	B03	EUR/100 kg net weight	14,00
	039	EUR/100 kg net weight	16,00
0201 20 30 9110 (1)	B02	EUR/100 kg net weight	71,50
	B03	EUR/100 kg net weight	43,00
	039	EUR/100 kg net weight	23,50
0201 20 30 9120	B02	EUR/100 kg net weight	33,50
	B03	EUR/100 kg net weight	10,00
	039	EUR/100 kg net weight	11,50
0201 20 50 9110 (1)	B02	EUR/100 kg net weight	123,00
	B03	EUR/100 kg net weight	71,50
	039	EUR/100 kg net weight	41,00
0201 20 50 9120	B02	EUR/100 kg net weight	58,50
	B03	EUR/100 kg net weight	17,50
	039	EUR/100 kg net weight	19,50
0201 20 50 9130 (1)	B02	EUR/100 kg net weight	71,50
	B03	EUR/100 kg net weight	43,00
	039	EUR/100 kg net weight	23,50
0201 20 50 9140	B02	EUR/100 kg net weight	33,50
	B03	EUR/100 kg net weight	10,00
	039	EUR/100 kg net weight	11,50
0201 20 90 9700	B02	EUR/100 kg net weight	33,50
	B03	EUR/100 kg net weight	10,00
	039	EUR/100 kg net weight	11,50
0201 30 00 9050	400 (3)	EUR/100 kg net weight	23,50
	404 (4)	EUR/100 kg net weight	23,50

Product code	Destination	Unit of measurement	Refunds (7)
0201 30 00 9060 (6)	B02	EUR/100 kg net weight	46,00
	B03	EUR/100 kg net weight	13,00
	039	EUR/100 kg net weight	15,00
	809, 822	EUR/100 kg net weight	37,00
0201 30 00 9100 (2) (6)	B08, B09	EUR/100 kg net weight	172,00
	B03	EUR/100 kg net weight	102,00
	039	EUR/100 kg net weight	60,00
	809, 822	EUR/100 kg net weight	152,50
	220	EUR/100 kg net weight	205,00
0201 30 00 9120 (2) (6)	B08	EUR/100 kg net weight	94,50
	B09	EUR/100 kg net weight	88,00
	B03	EUR/100 kg net weight	56,50
	039	EUR/100 kg net weight	33,00
	809, 822	EUR/100 kg net weight	83,50
	220	EUR/100 kg net weight	123,00
0202 10 00 9100	B02	EUR/100 kg net weight	33,50
	B03	EUR/100 kg net weight	10,00
	039	EUR/100 kg net weight	11,50
0202 10 00 9900	B02	EUR/100 kg net weight	46,00
	B03	EUR/100 kg net weight	14,00
	039	EUR/100 kg net weight	16,00
0202 20 10 9000	B02	EUR/100 kg net weight	46,00
	B03	EUR/100 kg net weight	14,00
	039	EUR/100 kg net weight	16,00
0202 20 30 9000	B02	EUR/100 kg net weight	33,50
	B03	EUR/100 kg net weight	10,00
	039	EUR/100 kg net weight	11,50
0202 20 50 9100	B02	EUR/100 kg net weight	58,50
	B03	EUR/100 kg net weight	17,50
	039	EUR/100 kg net weight	19,50
0202 20 50 9900	B02	EUR/100 kg net weight	33,50
	B03	EUR/100 kg net weight	10,00
	039	EUR/100 kg net weight	11,50
0202 20 90 9100	B02	EUR/100 kg net weight	33,50
	B03	EUR/100 kg net weight	10,00
	039	EUR/100 kg net weight	11,50
0202 30 90 9100	400 (3)	EUR/100 kg net weight	23,50
	404 (4)	EUR/100 kg net weight	23,50
0202 30 90 9200 (6)	B02	EUR/100 kg net weight	46,00
	B03	EUR/100 kg net weight	13,00
	039	EUR/100 kg net weight	15,00
	809, 822	EUR/100 kg net weight	37,00
0206 10 95 9000	B02	EUR/100 kg net weight	46,00
	B03	EUR/100 kg net weight	13,00
	039	EUR/100 kg net weight	15,00
	809, 822	EUR/100 kg net weight	37,00
0206 29 91 9000	B02	EUR/100 kg net weight	46,00
	B03	EUR/100 kg net weight	13,00
	039	EUR/100 kg net weight	15,00
	809, 822	EUR/100 kg net weight	37,00

Product code	Destination	Unit of measurement	Refunds (7)
0210 20 90 9100	039	EUR/100 kg net weight	23,00
1602 50 10 9170 (8)	B02	EUR/100 kg net weight	22,50
	B03	EUR/100 kg net weight	15,00
	039	EUR/100 kg net weight	17,50
1602 50 31 9125 (5)	B00	EUR/100 kg net weight	88,50
1602 50 31 9325 (5)	B00	EUR/100 kg net weight	79,00
1602 50 39 9125 (5)	B00	EUR/100 kg net weight	88,50
1602 50 39 9325 (5)	B00	EUR/100 kg net weight	79,00
1602 50 39 9425 (5)	B00	EUR/100 kg net weight	30,00
1602 50 39 9525 (5)	B00	EUR/100 kg net weight	30,00
1602 50 80 9535 (8)	B00	EUR/100 kg net weight	17,50

(1) Entry under this subheading is subject to the submission of the certificate appearing in the Annex to amended Commission Regulation (EEC) No 32/82.

(2) The refund is granted subject to compliance with the conditions laid down in amended Regulation (EEC) No 1964/82.

(3) Carried out in accordance with amended Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2973/79 (OJ L 336, 29.12.1979, p. 44).

(4) Carried out in accordance with amended Commission Regulation (EC) No 2051/96 (OJ L 274, 26.10.1996, p. 18).

(5) OJ L 221, 18.8.1984, p. 28.

(6) The lean bovine meat content excluding fat is determined in accordance with the procedure described in the Annex to Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2429/86 (OJ L 210, 1.8.1986, p. 39).

The term 'average content' refers to the sample quantity as defined in Article 2(1) of Regulation (EC) No 765/2002 (OJ L 117, 4.5.2002, p. 6). The sample is to be taken from that part of the consignment presenting the highest risk.

(7) Article 33(10) of amended Regulation (EC) No 1254/1999 provides that no export refunds shall be granted on products imported from third countries and re-exported to third countries.

(8) The refund is granted only on products manufactured under the arrangement provided for in Article 4 of amended Council Regulation (EEC) No 565/80.

NB: The product codes and the 'A' series destination codes are set out in Commision Regulation (EEC) No 3846/87 (OJ L 366, 24.12.1987, p. 1) as amended.

The numeric destination codes are set out in Commission Regulation (EC) No 1779/2002 (OJ L 269, 5.10.2002, p. 6).

The other destinations are defined as follows:

B00: all destinations (third countries, other territories, victualling and destinations treated as exports from the Community) with the exception of Estonia, Lithuania, Latvia, Hungary and Romania.

B02: B08, B09 and destination 220.

B03: Ceuta, Melilla, Iceland, Norway, Faroe Islands, Andorra, Gibraltar, Vatican City, Poland, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Bulgaria, Albania, Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Yugoslavia, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, the communes of Livigno and Campione d'Italia, Helgoland, Greenland, Cyprus, stores and provisions (destinations referred to in Articles 36 and 45, and if appropriate in Article 44, of Commission Regulation (EC) No 800/1999, as amended (OJ L 102, 17.4.1999, p. 11)).

B08: Malta, Turkey, Ukraine, Belarus, Moldova, Russia, Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Libya, Lebanon, Syria, Iraq, Iran, Israel, West Bank/Gaza Strip, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, United Arab Emirates, Oman, Yemen, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Myanmar (Burma), Thailand, Vietnam, Indonesia, Philippines, China, North Korea, Hong Kong.

B09: Sudan, Mauritania, Mali, Burkina Faso, Niger, Chad, Cape Verde, Senegal, Gambia, Guinea-Bissau, Guinea, Sierra Leone, Liberia, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Togo, Benin, Nigeria, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Equatorial Guinea, São Tomé and Príncipe, Gabon, Congo, Congo (Democratic Republic), Rwanda, Burundi, Saint Helena and dependencies, Angola, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Djibouti, Somalia, Uganda, Tanzania, Seychelles and dependencies, British Indian Ocean Territory, Mozambique, Mauritius, Comoros, Mayotte, Zambia, Malawi, South Africa, Lesotho.

B11: Lebanon and Egypt.