

**COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No 1365/2000
of 19 June 2000**

amending Regulation (EEC) No 2759/75 on the common organisation of the market in pigmeat

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 37 thereof,

Article 1

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission ⁽¹⁾,

Regulation (EEC) No 2759/75 is amended as follows:

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament ⁽²⁾,

1. Article 4(1) shall be replaced by the following:

Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee ⁽³⁾,

'1. The basic price for meat of domestic swine, in carcasses or half carcasses, hereinafter referred to as "slaughtered pigs", of the standard quality shall be EUR 1 509,39/t from 1 July 2000.

Whereas:

The standard quality shall be defined in terms of the weight and lean-meat content of pig carcasses, determined in accordance with Article 2(2) and (3) of Regulation (EEC) No 3220/84 as follows:

(1) Article 4 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2759/75 ⁽⁴⁾ provides for a basic price to be fixed annually for certain presentations of meat of domestic swine. In accordance with the approach followed for the reform of the common organisation of the markets in connection with Agenda 2000 and in order to enable producers to work out longer-term production plans, the basic price should be fixed without any limit in time, without prejudice to any revisions that may be called for in the future.

— carcasses weighing from 60 to less than 120 kg: grade E,
— carcasses weighing from 120 to 180 kg: grade R.'

(2) The basic price must be set at a level that helps to stabilise market prices without leading to the formation of structural surpluses within the Community.

2. Article 4(4) shall be deleted;

(3) The basic price must be fixed for a standard quality defined in Council Regulation (EEC) No 3220/84 of 13 November 1984 determining the Community scale for grading pig carcasses ⁽⁵⁾.

3. Article 23 shall be deleted;

(4) The measures necessary for the implementation of Regulation (EEC) No 2759/75 should be adopted in accordance with Council Decision 1999/468/EC of 28 June 1999 laying down the procedures for the exercise of implementing powers conferred on the Commission ⁽⁶⁾,

4. Article 24 shall be replaced by the following:

'Article 24

1. The Commission shall be assisted by the Management Committee for Pigmeat, hereinafter referred to as "the Committee".

2. Where reference is made to this paragraph Articles 4 and 7 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply.

The period referred to in Article 4(3) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be set at one month.

3. The Committee shall adopt its rules of procedure.'

Article 2

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 86E, 24.3.2000, p. 5.

⁽²⁾ Opinion of the European Parliament of 16 May 2000 (not yet published in the Official Journal).

⁽³⁾ OJ C 168, 16.6.2000, p. 17.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 282, 1.11.1975, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 3290/94 (OJ L 349, 31.12.1994, p. 105).

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 301, 20.11.1984, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 3513/93 (OJ L 320, 22.12.1993, p. 5).

⁽⁶⁾ OJ L 184, 17.7.1999, p. 23.

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

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

Done at Luxembourg, 19 June 2000.

For the Council
The President
L. CAPOULAS SANTOS
