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**COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 315/2002**

**of 20 February 2002**

**on the survey of prices of fresh or chilled sheep carcasses on  
representative markets in the Community**

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*Article 2*

1. Market prices shall be recorded in respect of the 'carcass weight' within the meaning of Decision 94/434/EC.

Where prices are recorded according to different categories of carcass the price on the representative market shall be equal to the average, weighted by coefficients fixed by Member States to reflect the relative importance of each category, of the prices recorded for the said categories during a seven-day period at the wholesale stage.

2. In the case of lamb carcasses weighing up to 16 kilograms, and in accordance with normal commercial practice, prices may be recorded before evisceration and removal of the head.

Where prices are recorded on a liveweight basis, the prices per kilogram liveweight shall be divided by a maximum conversion coefficient of 0,5. However, where normal practice is to include head and offals with the carcass, for lambs weighing up to 28 kilograms liveweight the Member States may fix a higher coefficient.

In regions where price recording is based on the individual assessment of the weight of lamb carcasses, the conversion shall be based on that assessment.

*Article 3*

1. Where markets are held more than once during the seven-day period referred to in Article 2(1), the price of each category shall be the arithmetical average of the quotations recorded during each market.

2. Where there are several representative markets in a quotation area the price for that quotation area shall be the average of the prices recorded on the said markets, weighted by coefficients fixed by the Member States to reflect the relative importance of each market or of each category.

3. However, where no information is available the prices on the representative markets of that Member State shall be determined by reference in particular to the last prices known.

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*Article 4*

Member States shall notify the Commission by 1 March 2002 of:

- (a) the representative markets of each quotation area;
- (b) the categories of lamb carcasses;
- (c) the weighting and conversion coefficients referred to in Articles 2 and 3.

Member States shall notify the Commission of any changes in the arrangements within a period of one month after any such changes.

*Article 5*

Regulation (EEC) No 1481/86 is hereby repealed.

*Article 6*

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third day following 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.