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EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES - EMERGENCY ACTION ON CERTAIN BOVINE MEAT

Addendum

The following communication, dated 9 April 1975, has been received from the Commission of the European Communities.

I have the honour to advise you, for the information of the Contracting Parties, that the Commission of the European Communities has decided to modify the special provisions adopted with regard to products under sub-heading 16.02 B III(b) 1 of the Customs Tariff, of which you were notified on 12 March 1975. The changes have been made in order to indicate more precisely the products falling within the sub-heading. Article 1 of Regulation (EEC) No. 610/75 of the Commission, which was worded as follows:

"Free circulation within the Community of products falling within sub-heading 16.02 B III(b) 1 of the Common Customs Tariff originating in third countries shall be suspended, with the exception of prepared or preserved bovine meat or bovine meat offal put up in sealed containers weighing not more than 3 kgs. net."

is replaced by the following text:

"1. Free circulation within the Community of products falling within sub-heading 16.02 B III(b) 1 of the Common Customs Tariff originating in third countries shall be suspended, with the exception of:

- (a) prepared or preserved bovine meat or bovine meat offal put up in sealed containers weighing not more than 5 kgs. net;
- (b) cooked, frozen bovine meat put up in sealed containers weighing not more than 7 kgs. net.

2. For the purposes of this Regulation, cooked frozen meat means meat which has undergone, before freezing, heat treatment sufficient to prevent the growth of CL Botulinum and which, in addition, conforms to the following requirements:

- no trace of pinkish liquid should appear on the cut surface when, after the meat has been completely unfrozen, a piece of it is cut into sections at its thickest part,
- its pH must be at least 5.5."

The above provisions have been in force since 7 April 1975 (cf. Regulation (EEC) No. 888/75 of the Commission - Official Journal L/85 of 5 April 1975).

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