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EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES - EMERGENCY ACTION ON CERTAIN BOVINE MEAT

The following communication, dated 13 February 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, by Regulation (EEC) No. 1090/75 of 23 April 1975, to introduce as from 1 May 1975 measures to alleviate the existing import arrangements provided for, in respect of bovine meat, under Regulations (EEC) No. 2668/74 of 21 October 1974 and No. 610/75 of 7 March 1975, as amended by Regulation (EEC) No. 888/75.

This decision has been made by the Commission in order to allow a certain amount of trade to redevelop with third countries. However, in view of the continuing difficulties on the Community market, the Commission has found it desirable to take the necessary steps in order that such alleviation should not lead to an intensification of the present market imbalance. This is why the Commission's decision will make it possible to import animals for slaughter of a live weight exceeding 300 kgs. and meat, under the so-called "EXIM" procedure, under which certificates shall be issued only after equivalent quantities of live animals or meat have been exported. Such import certificates shall be granted each month on the basis of a tender procedure which will enable the Commission to determine the minimum rate of levy applicable as regards the validity of import licences, the Commission has re-established the periods of validity laid down in Regulation (EEC) No. 932/74 which had been temporarily reduced by Regulation (EEC) No. 1098/74.

In addition, in order to meet some special needs for the reconstitution of livestock levels in the Community, the Commission has decided to authorize as from 15 May 1975, imports of calves and young male bovine animals for fattening not exceeding the quantities mentioned hereunder. The licences issued shall be valid for a period of thirty days.

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(a) Young bovine male animals of certain highland breeds for fattening weighing more than 220 kgs. but not more than 300 kgs.: 5,000 head per month until July, 7,500 head in August, Regulation (EEC) No. 1208/75, Official Journal No. L 120 of 13 May 1975. Applications for licences may be submitted until 30 August. The levy applicable to young bovine animals imported under this Regulation shall be equal to 75 per cent of the full levy.

(b) Calves and young male bovine animals for fattening, of a weight not exceeding 250 kgs.: 45,000 head. Applications for licences may be submitted until 30 September 1975. Regulation (EEC) 1209/75, Official Journal No. L 120 of 13 May 1975.