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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 805/68 of 27 June 1968 on the common organization of the market in beef and veal<sup>(1)</sup>, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 568/76<sup>(2)</sup>, and in particular Article 14 (2) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

HAS ADOPTED THIS ESTIMATE:

Foreword

The first and second subparagraphs of Article 14 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 805/68 provide that each year before 31 December the Council, acting in accordance with the voting procedure laid down in Article 43 (2) of the Treaty on a proposal from the Commission, shall draw up an estimate of the meat intended for the processing industry, taking account on the one hand of expected Community supplies of meat of a quality and type of cut suitable for industrial use and on the other of industrial needs, including the needs of industries producing preserved foods which are included in Article 1 (c) and which do not contain characteristic components other than beef and jelly.

If the situation so requires, this estimate may be altered in accordance with the same procedure.

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(1) OJ No L 143, 28.6.1968, p. 24.

(2) OJ No L 67, 15.3.1976, p. 9.

## Introduction

This estimate covers the period 1 January to 31 December 1977. This has been prepared in the light of information available to the Commission and on the basis of forecasts that can be made at present. It is derived from estimates of demand in the industry and of Community supplies of meat of qualities and types of cut suitable for industrial use, hereinafter referred to as "meat for processing".

Demand in the industry for meat for processing has been assessed by reference to the quantities of fresh and frozen meat used each year.

Community supplies of meat for processing have been estimated by reference to the quantities of fresh and frozen meat normally used for this purpose.

## Chapter I

### Supplies of meat for processing

According to information supplied to the Commission by the Member States in October 1976, Community supplies of home-produced fresh meat for processing for 1977 can be estimated at 760 500 tonnes of meat on the bone.

It is also estimated that at the end of 1976 the Community will hold a public stock of meat as a result of standing intervention purchases. The quantity of this meat satisfying the requirements of meat for processing can be estimated at 139 000 tonnes of meat on the bone.

At the end of 1976 there will be a stock of meat held in private storage under Commission Regulations (EEC) Nos 1204/76<sup>(3)</sup>, and 1500/76<sup>(4)</sup>, which provide for the granting of private storage aid for beef.

The quantity of this meat satisfying the requirements for processing is estimated at 125 000 tonnes of meat on the bone.

With effect from January 1977 the Community will open a tariff quota for 38 500 tonnes of boneless frozen meat, which corresponds to 50 000 tonnes of meat on the bone.

(3) OJ No L 133, 22.5.1976, p. 28.

(4) OJ No L 167, 26.6.1976, p. 31.

Experience shows that under this quota 8 500 tonnes of frozen meat on the bone will be imported in 1977 for processing.

In 1977 the quantity of meat to be imported into the Community and originating from Botswana, Kenya, Madagascar and Swaziland which satisfies the requirements for processing is estimated at 6 000 tonnes of meat on the bone.

For 1977 the total available supplies will thus be as follows:-

Fresh meat :	760 500 tonnes
Frozen meat for processing taken over at intervention :	139 000 tonnes
Frozen meat for processing resulting from private storage aid contracts :	126 000 tonnes
Frozen meat imported for processing under GATT quota :	8 500 tonnes
Frozen meat imported for processing under A.C.F. agreement :	6 000 tonnes
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	1 040 000 tonnes
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The total of 1 040 000 tonnes takes no account of possible supplementary supplies of cow beef which will result if the Commissions' proposal for "a premium system for the non-marketing of milk and milk products and for the conversion of dairy cow herds" is accepted for 1977.

## Chapter II

### Industrial demand for meat for processing

- (a) According to information supplied to the Commission by the Member States in October 1976, Community demand for meat for processing in 1977 can be estimated at 1 090 000 tonnes of meat on the bone. This figure includes quantities required for the preparation of preserved foods as specified in Article 14 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 305/68.

- (b) The latter quantities, estimated at 105 000 tonnes, can be covered under normal market conditions by home production and imports of frozen meat from third countries not subject to levy pursuant to Article 14 (3) (a) of Regulation (EEC) No 805/68.
- (c) However, it should be noted that this particular arrangement referred to in Chapter II (b) has been suspended since 2 May 1974 by Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1063/74<sup>(5)</sup> of 30 April 1974 suspending the special import arrangements for frozen meat intended for the manufacture of certain preserved foods.

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(5) CJ To L 119, 1.5.1974, p. 70.

Conclusion

The needs of the processing industries, including those producing preserved foods referred to in Chapter II(a) and containing no characteristic components other than beef and jelly, have been estimated at 1 090 000 tonnes of meat on the bone .

The tonnage of the supplies available from the total of home production in 1977 plus stocks in store, suitable for the processing industry, in 1976 and imports, suitable for the processing industry, under the GATT quota and ACP agreement has been estimated at 1 040 000 tonnes of meat on the bone.

The Commission's proposal on beef and veal trade arrangements with third countries (which is under consideration by the Council) does not provide for a special separate system for import of frozen beef which is used for the processing of preserves which do not contain characteristic components other than beef and jelly (Article 14 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 805/68).

Provided that there will be no special separate system for import of frozen beef which is used for the processing of preserves which do not contain characteristic components other than beef and jelly (Article 14(2) of Regulation(EEC) No 805/68), the deficit in meat for processing in 1977 can be estimated at 50 000 tonnes.