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Estimate of supply and demand for beef and
veal in the processing industry for the period
1 January to 31 December 1978

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to the Council Regulation (EEC) No 805/68 of 27 June 1968 on the common organization of the market in beef and veal ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) no 425/77 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 14 (2) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

HAS ADOPTED THIS ESTIMATE :

Foreword

Article 14 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 805/68 provides that each year before 1 December, the Council, acting by a qualified majority on a proposal from the Commission shall draw up an estimate of meat which may be imported under the arrangements laid down in this article. This estimate shall take account, on the one hand, of the expected Community supplies of meat of a quality and type of cut suitable for industrial use and, on the other, of industrial need.

This estimate shall mention separately the quantities of meat

- a) intended for the manufacture of preserved food, which does not contain characteristic components other than beef and jelly;
- b) intended for the processing industry for the manufacture of products other than the preserved food referred to in (a).

(1) OJ No L 148, 28.6.1968, p. 24

(2) OJ No L 61, 5.3.1977, P. 1

Introduction

This estimate covers the period 1 January to 31 December 1978. 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 the 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 1977, Community supplies of home-produced fresh meat for processing for 1978 can be estimated at 798.000 tonnes of meat on the bone.

The total of 798.000 tonnes includes an estimate of approximately 60.000 tonnes in respect of cows killed in accordance with Council Regulation (EEC) No 1078/77 ⁽³⁾.

It is also estimated that at the end of 1977 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 172.500 tonnes of meat on the bone.

At the end of 1977 there will be a stock of meat held in private storage under Commission Regulations (EEC) Nos 1191/77 ⁽⁴⁾, 1531/77 ⁽⁵⁾ and 2217/77 ⁽⁶⁾, which provide for the granting of private storage aid for beef.

The quantity of this meat satisfying the requirements for processing is estimated at 60.000 tonnes of meat on the bone.

With effect from January 1978 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 131. 26.5.1977, p. 1

(4) OJ No L 138. 4.6.1977, p.36

(5) OJ No L 170. 8.7.1977, p.13

(6) OJ No L 256. 7.10.1977 p.14

Experience shows that under this quota 13.000 tonnes of frozen meat on the bone will be imported in 1978 for processing.

In 1978 the quantity of meat to be imported into the Community and originating from Bostwana, Kenya, Madagascar and Swaziland which satisfies the requirements for processing is estimated at 11.500 tonnes of meat on the bone.

For 1978 the total available supplies will thus be as follows :

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| Fresh meat : | 798.000 tonnes |
| Frozen meat for processing taken over at intervention : | 172.500 tonnes |
| Frozen meat for processing resulting from private storage aid contracts : | 60.000 tonnes |
| Frozen meat imported for processing under GATT quota : | 13.000 tonnes |
| Frozen meat imported for processing under A.C.P. agreement : | 11.500 tonnes |
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| | 1.055.000 tonnes |
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Chapter II

Industrial demand for meat for processing

According to information supplied to the Commission by the Member States in October 1977, Community demand for meat for processing in 1978 can be estimated at 1.095.000 tonnes of meat on the bone. This figure includes quantities required for the preparation of preserved foods as specified in Article 14 (1) (a) of Regulation (EEC) No 805/68.

This latter quantity is estimated at 109.000 tonnes.

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Conclusion

The needs of the processing industries, including those producing preserved foods referred to in Chapter II and containing no characteristic components other than beef and jelly, have been estimated at 1.095.000 tonnes of meat on the bone.

The tonnage of the supplies available from the total of home production in 1978, plus stocks in store, suitable for the processing industry, in 1977 and imports, suitable for the processing industry, under the GATT quota and ACP agreement has been estimated at 1.055.000 tonnes of meat on the bone.

The deficit in meat for processing in 1978 can be estimated at 40.000 tonnes of meat on the bone.

In light of the experience gained in 1977 it is proposed to apportion this tonnage, as required by article 14 (1) of regulation (EEC) no 805/68, so that :

- a) 15.000 tonnes of meat intended for the manufacture of preserved food, which does not contain characteristic components other than beef and jelly, shall qualify for the total suspension of the levy and
- b) 25.000 tonnes of meat intended for the processing industry for the manufacture of products other than the preserved food referred to in (a) shall qualify for the total or partial suspension of the levy.

