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COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

amending Regulation (EEC) No 2764/75 laying down the rules  
for calculating a component of the levy on pig carcasses and  
(EEC) No 950/68 on the Common Customs Tariff

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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### Explanatory memorandum

The import arrangements provided for in Regulation (EEC) No 2759/75 on the common organization of the market in pigmeat have given satisfactory results in the past. However, it has been decided that some minor amendments would make them easier to apply.

As a first step, the Common Customs Tariff will be adjusted in so far as it applies to pigmeat. The wording of some subheadings will be made more precise, while other subheadings which have proved to be of little practical use will be deleted. These changes will not have any major economical implications. At the same time, definitions of the principal products in the sector will be inserted as Additional Notes to the Common Customs Tariff, as has already been done for the beef and veal and sheepmeat and goatmeat sectors.

The purpose of this proposal for a Regulation is to lay down a definition of "pig carcasses" which will be inserted in Chapter 2 of the CCT as an Additional Note. The other products in the sector will be adjusted in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 24 of Regulation (EEC) No 2759/75 on the basis of Article 10(4) of that Regulation.

Implementation of the Common Customs Tariff thus amended will require, at a later stage, adjustments to two other Council Regulations which incorporate part of the CCT: Regulation (EEC) No 2766/75 establishing the list of products for which sluice-gate prices are to be fixed and laying down the rules for fixing the sluice-gate price for pig carcasses, and Regulation (EEC) No 2767/75 laying down general rules for the system of "pilot products and derived products" enabling additional amounts to be fixed for pigmeat.



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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No. 2759/75 of 29 October 1975 on  
the common organization of the market in pigmeat<sup>1</sup>, as last amended by Regulation  
(EEC) No. 2966/80<sup>2</sup>, and in particular Article 9(2) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas Articles 8 and 9 of Regulation (EEC) No 2759/75 provide for the basic  
rules for fixing the levy applicable on imports of pig carcasses; whereas it  
seems appropriate to introduce a definition of this product into Council Regu-  
lation (EEC) No 2764/75<sup>3</sup>, as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 370/76<sup>4</sup>, in order  
to facilitate the correct application of the levy on pig carcasses within subheading  
02.01 A III a) 1 of the Common Customs Tariff, and to amend Council Regulation (EEC)  
No 950/68<sup>5</sup>, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No /82<sup>6</sup>, accordingly,

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- (1) O.J. No. L 282, 1.11.1975, p. 1  
(2) O.J. No. L 307, 18.11.1980, p. 5  
(3) O.J. No. L 282, 1.11.1975, p. 21  
(4) O.J. No. L 45, 21.02.1976, p. 4  
(5) O.J. No. L 172, 22.7.1968, p. 1  
(6) O.J. No. L p.

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

The following Article 3a is hereby inserted into Regulation (EEC) No 2764/75:

"Article 3a

"Pig carcasses" shall be taken to mean carcasses or half-carcasses of domestic swine which have been bled and eviscerated and from which the bristles and hooves have been removed. Half-carcasses are derived from whole carcasses by symmetrical division through the centre of each cervical, dorsal, lumbar and sacral vertebra and through the centre of the sternum and the ischio-pubic symphysis. These carcasses and half-carcasses may be with or without head, feet, flare fat, kidneys, tail or diaphragm. Half-carcasses may be with or without spinal cord, brain or tongue. Carcasses and half-carcasses of sows may be with or without udders (mammary glands).

Where the head or feet are removed, the head is removed from the carcass at the first cervical vertebra (atlas) by a straight cut parallel to the cranium and the feet are removed at the wrist or ankle-joint (carpo-metacarpal or tarso-metatarsal joint)."

Article 2

The Common Customs Tariff annexed to Regulation (EEC) No. 950/68 is hereby amended as follows :

1. The following text is inserted as Additional Note No. 3.E. to Chapter 2 :

"E. For the purposes of subheading 02.01 A III a) 1, "carcasses or half carcasses shall be taken to mean slaughtered pigs in the form of carcasses of domestic swine which have been bled and eviscerated and from which the bristles and hooves have been removed. Half-carcasses are derived from whole carcasses by symmetrical division through the centre of each cervical, dorsal, lumbar and sacral vertebra and through the centre of the sternum and the ischio-pubic symphysis.

These carcasses and half-carcasses may be with or without head, feet, flare fat, kidneys, tail or diaphragm. Half-carcasses may be with or without spinal cord, brain or tongue. Carcasses and half-carcasses of sows may be with or without udders (mammary glands).

Where the head or feet are removed, the head is removed from the carcase at the first cervical vertebra (atlas) by a straight cut parallel to the cranium and the feet are removed at the wrist or ankle-joint (carpo-metacarpal or tarso-metatarsal joint)."

2. Subheading 02.01 A III a) 1 is replaced by the following :

Heading number	Description	Rate of duty	
		Autonomous % or levy (L)	Conventional %
1	2	3	4
02.01	Meat and edible offals of the animals falling within heading No. 01.01, 01.02, 01.03 or 01.04, fresh, chilled or frozen :		
	A. Meat :		
	III. Of swine :		
	a) Of domestic swine :		
	1. Carcasses or half-carcasses	20 (L)	-"

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 August 1982.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at

For the Council