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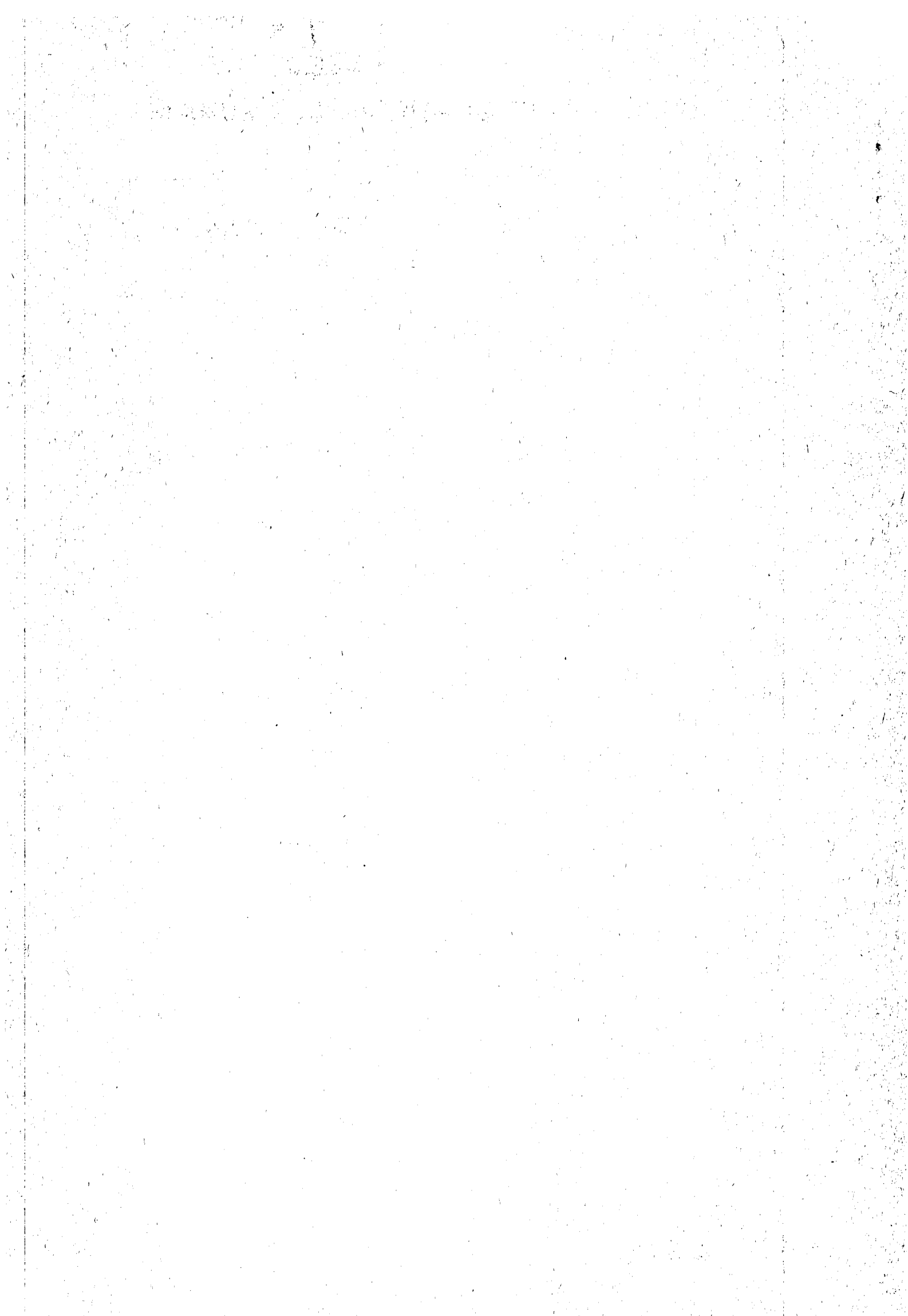
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(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic 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,¹ as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No/74,² and in particular Article 17 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas the state of the Community beef and veal market in recent months, in which prices have been abnormally low, below the intervention price level, has caused special measures to be adopted, in particular with respect to imports, exports and intervention;

Whereas these measures do not appear adequate to put matters to rights in the near future, inasmuch as, in particular, the time when the animals are brought in from pasture is the time when market prices are the lowest in the year, by reason inter alia of the increase in the supply;

Whereas this being so it is clearly necessary to take preventive measures calculated to help stabilize the market, and whereas producers should thus be given an incentive to keep their young slaughter cattle alive in the coming months for an additional stock farming period;

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¹ OJ No L 148, 28.6.1968, p. 24.

² OJ No L, 1974, p. (Regulation amending Article 17 of Regulation 805/68).

Whereas a premium largely covering the expense involved in maintaining the animals is likely to encourage producers to accept the obligation to keep them alive pending a steadying of prices, and whereas it is advisable to provide for the fixing of differentiated amounts of premium in order to allow for the higher costs borne in the winter months;

Whereas it is necessary nevertheless to ensure that the intended measure does not cause slaughter to be deferred for too large a number of animals, such as could unbalance the supply position in the first half of 1975;

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HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Producers shall be entitled on application to a premium for deferred slaughter of young fatstock.

Applications may be made through associations of producers on behalf of producers affiliated thereto.

Article 2

Granting of the premium shall be subject to conclusion of a contract between the producer and the competent authority. The contract require in particular that the producer give a written undertaking to defer by four or six months the date when the animals to which the contract relates are normally slaughtered.

The producer shall indicate in his application whether he wishes to give his undertaking for four or for six months. The total amount of the premium shall be governed by the choice which he makes in this respect.

Article 3

Member States shall make the premium provided for in Article 1 payable in respect only of one or more of the following classes of animals:

- (a) bull calves which would normally be slaughtered at between 16 and 20 months;
- (b) fat steers or heifers which would normally be slaughtered at between 24 and 30 months.

Article 4

1. The unit amount of the premium shall be between 0.60 and 0.90 units of account per day per animal, taking account inter alia of feeding costs according to the seasonal trend.
2. The premium shall be paid when evidence is provided that the animal was slaughtered after the end of the period for which the undertaking was given.

Article 5

The conclusion of the contracts referred to in Article 2 shall cease when the number of animals to which such contracts relate is capable of reaching approximately 400,000 head, and in any event not later than [31 January 1975).

Article 6

The provision of Articles 8, 9 and 11 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 1353/73 of 15 May 1973, instituting a system of premiums for switching dairy herds to meat production and of premiums for channelling specialized cattle rearing to meat production, ** shall be applicable by analogy.

Article 7

The implementing procedures of this Regulation shall relate in particular to:

- (a) the fixing of the amount of the premium,
- (b) the fixing of the opening and closing dates for the making of applications for premiums,
- (c) the procedures for checking for compliance with undertakings,
- (d) the conditions for continuance, by way of exception, of entitlement to premiums and for recovery of premiums.

Article 8

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third day following its publication in the Official Journal of the European Communities.

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

Done at Brussels,

For the Council,

**OJ No 141, 28.5.1973, p. 18.