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Beef and veal sector in the EU

Basic regulations in beef & veal sector

- Regulation (EC) No 1254/1999
beef and veal common market organisation
- Regulation (EC) No 1760/2000
Beef labelling (and identification and registration of bovine animals)
- Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003
Direct payments

Products concerned: Art. 1 of Reg (EC) No 1254/1999

- 0102 10 pure bred bovine animals
- 0102 90 Live animals of domestic bovine species
- 0201 Meat of bovine animals, fresh and chilled
- 0202 Meat of bovine animals, frozen
- 0206 Edible offal of bovine frozen, fresh or chilled, salted, in brine, dried, smoked
- 1502 Fats of bovine animals
- 1602 Prepared or preserved meat or meat offal of bovine animals

EU policy instruments

- Private storage aid
- Safety-net public intervention
- Direct payments: Beef premiums → CAP reform
- Export/import regimes
- Identification & registration of animals + Beef labelling
- Exceptional support measures (Article 38-39)

Beef carcass classification scale (1)

- Regulations (EEC) No 1208/81 and (EEC) No 344/91
- Five categories of carcasses of adult bovines

A	Young bull	Carcass of uncastrated young male animal of less than two years of age
B	Bull	Carcass of other uncastrated male animal
C	Steer	Carcass of castrated male animal
D	Cow	Carcass of female animal that has calved
E	Heifer	Carcass of other female animal

- Distinction between category A and B on basis of animal's age (I&R system)

Beef carcass classification scale (2)

- Carcass classification based on two factors:

Low ————— **Fat cover** —————> Very high

	1	2	3	4	5
Conformation Superior Excellent ↓ Poor	S				
E					
U					
R					
O					
P					

Weekly reporting of beef carcasse prices (1)

- Regulations (EEC) No 563/82 and (EC) No 295/96
- Overall aim:
 - Continuous monitoring of developments on Community beef market
 - Basis for EU support measures
(e.g. public intervention, private storage, exceptional support measures, etc.)

Weekly reporting of beef carcasse prices (2)

Member State market prices are recorded for:

Category A	Young bulls	U2, U3, R2, R3, O2, O3
Category B	Other bulls	R3
Category C	Steers	U2, U3, U4, R3, R4, O3, O4
Category D	Cows	R3, R4, O2, O3, O4, P2, P3
Category E	Heifers	U2, U3, R2, R3, R4, O2, O3, O4

Weekly reporting of beef carcass prices (3): Representative prices for national production

Prices must be recorded for at least:

25% of slaughterings in regions
covering at least 75% of total slaughtering
in the Member State

and

30% of adult bovines slaughtered
in the Member State

Weekly reporting of beef carcasse prices (4)

Who should report weekly prices?

Abattoirs slaughtering per year
 $\geq 20,000$ adult bovines
reared by it or on its behalf
and/or animals purchased by it

Natural or legal persons
sending per year
 $\geq 10,000$ adult bovines
for slaughter to an abattoir

Abattoirs, designated by the Member State, slaughtering per year
 $< 20,000$ adult bovines
reared by it or on its behalf
and/or animals purchased by it

Natural or legal persons, designated by the Member State,
sending per year
 $< 10,000$ adult bovines
for slaughter to an abattoir

Private storage aid / Safety-net intervention

- **Basic price** for carcasses of adult male bovines (R3 quality) = 222.4 €/100 kg
- **Private storage aid** may be granted if average EU market price < 103% of basic price (229 €/100 kg)
- **Safety-net public intervention** if average market price in Member State < 156.0 €/100 kg

External trade in beef sector

- Import/export of most products in the beef sector are subject to presentation of an import/export licence, valid throughout the Community
- Imports: various import tariff quotas for certain live bovines and beef products
- Exports: refunds paid for certain exports

Beef labelling

- Council and Parliament Regulation (EC) No 1760/2000 which foresees :
 - Compulsory indications (born, raised and slaughtered based on the animal ID system + place of slaughter and cutting + code)
 - Voluntary indications based on specifications approved by the MS
- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1825/2000
 - Implementing rules

Role of Member States in market management

Implementation/administration of:

- Beef carcase classification and price reporting
- Private storage aid or safety net intervention
(if applicable)
- Import/export licences
- Beef labelling