Arrangement Regarding Bovine Meat

INTERNATIONAL MEAT COUNCIL

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Reply to Part G.2 of the Questionnaire

Notification of Policy Changes

FINLAND

Through negotiations between government and the agricultural producers the target price for beef has been fixed to Fmk 17.14/kg. since 1 September 1980. A supplementary price of beef is still Fmk 1.30/kg. and Fmk 2.20/kg., when the slaughter weight is above 160 kgs. and 210 kgs., respectively.

Regional premiums for beef have been slightly raised so that the highest premium amounts to Fmk 4.60/kg. in the northernmost region.

In order to promote beef production, a special premium for beef cows will be paid, if a farmer gives up milk production and does not sell any cows or calves into milk production. The premium amounts to Fmk 600 per cow and is paid to a farmer having two or more cows. Contracts are made for a year and can be renewed up to four times.

Since 1 September 1980 the import levy for beef has been fixed to Fmk 12.03/kg. and for boneless beef to Fmk 15.64/kg.