ORAL QUESTION H-0145/08 for Question Time at the part-session in March 2008 pursuant to Rule 109 of the Rules of Procedure by Niels Busk to the Commission

Subject: Export refunds for pigmeat

Under Commission Regulation (EC) No. 303/2007¹ of 21 March 2007 fixing the export refunds on pigmeat, the Commission offsets the difference between world market and internal market prices by means of an export refund to assist the pigmeat sector in the current market situation where high feed costs are entailing high production costs.

The list of products eligible for export refunds does not include frozen, boneless belly pork and pork loin. In the light of the latest developments, exchange rates and the situation on the Japanese market, will the Commission explain why these products are not eligible for refunds and say when they will be included on the list?

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¹ OJ L 81, 22.3.2007, p. 15.