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## Union scale for the classification of carcasses of bovine animals aged eight months or more

(Article 10 and Annex IV to Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013)

Category	Description
Z ("Young cattle")	Carcasses of animals aged from 8 months to less than 12 months
A ("Young bulls")	Carcasses of uncastrated male animals aged from 12 months to less than 24 months
B ("Bulls")	Carcasses of uncastrated male animals aged from 24 months
C ("Steers")	Carcasses of castrated male animals aged from 12 months
D ("Cows")	Carcasses of female animals that have calved
E ("Heifers")	Carcasses of other female animals aged from 12 months

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<b>Conformation class</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>S</b> Superior	All profiles extremely convex; exceptional muscle development (double muscled carcass type)
<b>E</b> Excellent	All profiles convex to super-convex; exceptional muscle development
<b>U</b> Very Good	Profiles on the whole convex, very good muscle development
<b>R</b> Good	Profiles on the whole straight; good muscle development
<b>O</b> Fair	Profiles straight to concave; average muscle development
<b>P</b> Poor	All profiles concave to very concave; poor muscle development

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Fat cover class	Description
1 Low	None up to low fat cover
2 Slight	Slight fat cover, flesh visible almost everywhere
3 Average	Flesh with the exception of the round and shoulder, almost everywhere covered with fat, slight deposits of fat in the thoracic cavity
4 High	Flesh covered with fat, but on the round and shoulder still partly visible, some distinctive fat deposits in the thoracic cavity
5 Very High	Entire carcass covered with fat; heavy deposits in the thoracic cavity



## Price recording EU legislation

### Relevant EU legislation on price recording in the beef and veal sector

1) Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 2017/1182 of 20 April 2017 supplementing Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the Union scales for the classification of beef, pig and sheep carcasses and as regards the reporting of market prices of certain categories of carcasses and live animals (OJ L 171, 4.7.2017, p. 74)

2) Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/1184 of 20 April 2017 laying down rules for the application of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the Union scales for the classification of beef, pig and sheep carcasses and as regards the reporting of market prices of certain categories of carcasses and live animals (OJ L 171, 4.7.2017, p. 103)



## Price recording of carcasses of bovine animals Article 7 of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 2017/1184

**National and Union recording of market prices (Price/100 kg of carcass weight) on the basis of the Union scale for the classification of carcasses shall be carried out each week and shall relate to the following conformation and fat cover classes :**

Carcasses of animals aged from 8 months to less than 12 months (Cat Z): U2, U3, R2, R3, O2, O3

Carcasses of uncastrated male animals aged from 12 months to less than 24 months (Cat A): U2, U3, R2, R3, O2, O3

Carcasses of uncastrated male animals aged from 24 months (Cat B): R3

Carcasses of castrated male animals aged from 12 months (Cat C): U2, U3, U4, R3, R4, O3, O4

Carcasses of female animals that have calved (Cat D): R3, R4, O2, O3, O4, P2, P3

Carcasses of other female animals aged from 12 months (Cat E): U2, U3, U4, R2, R3, R4, O2, O3, O4



# Weekly price recording of certain bovine animals in EU representative markets

Articles 15 and 16 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 2017/1182

Type of animal	Description	Price recorded
"dairy type male rearing calf"	Male rearing calf aged between eight days and four weeks from a dairy breed	Price/head
"beef type male rearing calf"	Male rearing calf aged between eight days and four weeks from a meat breed, dual purpose breed or born of a cross with a meat breed	Price/head
"young store cattle"	Male and female bovine animals aged 6 months or more but less than 12 months, bought after weaning to be fattened	Price/kilogram of live weight
"yearling male store cattle"	Male and female bovine animals aged 12 months or more but less than 24 months, bought to be fattened	Price/kilogram of live weight
"yearling female store cattle"		
"veal calves"	Calves slaughtered at the age of less than eight months	Price/100 kg of carcass weight