COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 837/2004

of 28 April 2004

opening tendering procedures for the sale of wine alcohol stored in Germany for new industrial uses

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1493/1999 of 17 May 1999 on the common organisation of the market in wine [1], and in particular Article 33 thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Commission Regulation (EC) No 1623/2000 of 25 July 2000 laying down detailed rules for implementing Regulation (EC) No 1493/1999 on the common organisation of the market in wine with regard to market mechanisms [2] lays down, *inter alia*, the detailed rules for disposing of stocks of alcohol arising from distillation under Articles 27, 28 and 30 of Regulation (EC) No 1493/1999 held by intervention agencies.

(2) In accordance with Article 80 of Regulation (EC) No 1623/2000, tendering procedures should be organised for the sale of wine alcohol for new industrial uses with a view to reducing the stocks of wine alcohol in the Community and enabling small-scale industrial projects to be carried out and such alcohol to be processed into goods intended for export for industrial uses. The wine alcohol of Community origin in storage in Germany consists of quantities produced from distillation under Article 30 of Regulation (EC) No 1493/1999.

(3) Since 1 January 1999 and in accordance with Council Regulation (EC) No 2799/98 of 15 December 1998 establishing agrimonetary arrangements for the euro [3], the prices offered in tenders and securities must be expressed in euro and payments must be made in euro.

(4) Minimum prices should be set for the submission of tenders, broken down according to the type of end use.

(5) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Wine,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Three tendering procedures with the numbers 48/2004 EC, 49/2004 EC and 50/2004 EC are hereby opened for the sale of wine alcohol for new industrial uses. The alcohol concerned has been produced from distillation under Article 30 of Regulation (EC) No 1493/1999 and is held by the German intervention agency.

The volume put up for sale is 20 358,788 hectolitres of alcohol at 100 % vol, broken down as follows:

(a) tendering procedure 48/2004 EC covers a quantity of 8 136 hectolitres of alcohol at 100 % vol;

(b) tendering procedure 49/2004 EC covers a quantity of 8 605 hectolitres of alcohol at 100 % vol;

(c) tendering procedure 50/2004 EC covers a quantity of 3 617 hectolitres of alcohol at 100 % vol.

The vat numbers, places of storage and the volume of alcohol at 100 % vol contained in each vat are detailed in the Annex hereto.

Article 2

The sale shall be conducted in accordance with Articles 79, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 95, 96, 97, 100 and 101 of Regulation (EC) No 1623/2000 and Article 2 of Regulation (EC) No 2799/98.

Article 3

1. Tenders must be lodged with or sent by registered mail to the following intervention agency holding the alcohol concerned:

Bundesanstalt für Landwirtschaft und Ernährung (BLE), Referat 321

Address: Adickesallee 40, D-60322 Frankfurt am Main
Postal address: D-60631 Frankfurt am Main

Telephone: +49-(0)69-1564- 0 (switchboard) or +49-(0)69-1564-479 (direct line)
Fax: +49-(0)69-1564-794

2. Tenders shall be submitted in a sealed double envelope, the inside envelope marked: 'Tender under procedures Nos 48/2004 EC, 49/2004 EC and 50/2004 EC for new industrial uses', the outer envelope bearing the address of the intervention agency concerned.

[1] OJ L 179, 14.7.1999, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1795/2003 (OJ L 262, 14.10.2003, p. 13).
[2] OJ L 194, 31.7.2000, p. 45. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1710/2003 (OJ L 243, 27.9.2003, p. 98).
[3] OJ L 349, 24.12.1998, p. 1.