COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1878/2003

of 24 October 2003

opening an invitation to tender for the subsidy on consignments of husked long-grain B rice to Réunion

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 of 22 December 1995 on the common organisation of the market in rice ([1]), as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 411/2002 ([2]), and in particular Article 10(1) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2692/89 ([3]), as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1453/1999 ([4]), lays down the detailed rules for exports of rice to Réunion.

(2) Examination of the supply situation in Réunion indicates that rice is in short supply. In view of the rice available on the Community market, provision should be made to allow Réunion to be supplied with rice from the Community market. Because of Réunion's particular circumstances, it is appropriate to limit the quantities to be sent and thus fix the amount of the subsidy by invitation to tender.

(3) Under Article 14 of Commission Regulation (EC) No 2808/98 of 22 December 1998 laying down detailed rules for the application of the agrimonetary system for the euro in agriculture ([5]), as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 816/2003 ([6]), the amounts quoted in tenders submitted in response to invitations to tender organised under an instrument forming part of the common agricultural policy must be expressed in euro. Article 5(1) of that Regulation provides that in such cases the operative event for the agricultural exchange rate is the final day for the submission of tenders. Paragraphs 3 and 4 of that Article specify the operative events applicable to advances and securities.

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. An invitation to tender is hereby opened for the shipment to Réunion of husked long-grain B rice falling within CN code 1006 20 98, referred to in Article 10(1) of Regulation (EC) No 3072/95.

2. The invitation to tender referred to in paragraph 1 shall be open until 17 June 2004. During that period regular invitations to tender shall be issued and the date for submission of tenders shall be set down in the notice of invitation to tender.

3. The invitation to tender shall take place in accordance with Regulation (EEC) No 2692/89 and with the following provisions.

Article 2

A tender shall be admissible only if it covers a quantity for shipment of at least 50 tonnes but not more than 3 000 tonnes.

Article 3

The security referred to in Article 7(3)(a) of Regulation (EEC) No 2692/89 shall be EUR 30 per tonne.

Article 4

The subsidy documents issued under this invitation to tender shall, for the purposes of determining their period of validity, be considered as having been issued on the day the tender was submitted.

Article 5

Tenders submitted must reach the Commission through the Member States not later than one-and-a-half hours after expiry of the time limit for the weekly submission of tenders as laid down in the notice of invitation to tender. They must be transmitted in accordance with the table given in the Annex.

If no tenders are submitted, the Member States shall inform the Commission accordingly within the same time limit as that given in the above subparagraph.

Article 6

The time set for submitting tenders shall be Belgian time.

Article 7

1. On the basis of the tenders submitted, the Commission shall decide in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 22 of Regulation (EC) No 3072/95:

— either to fix a maximum subsidy,

— or not to take any action on the tenders.

([1]) OJ L 329, 30.12.1995, p. 18.
([2]) OJ L 62, 5.3.2002, p. 27.
([3]) OJ L 261, 7.9.1989, p. 8.
([4]) OJ L 167, 2.7.1999, p. 19.
([5]) OJ L 349, 24.12.1998, p. 36.
([6]) OJ L 116, 13.5.2003, p. 12.