COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1696/2003

of 25 September 2003

concerning tenders notified in response to the invitation to tender for the import of maize issued in Regulation (EC) No 1620/2003

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92 of 30 June 1992 on the common organisation of the market in cereals ([1]), as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1104/2003 ([2]), and in particular Article 12(1) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) An invitation to tender for the maximum reduction in the duty on maize imported into Spain from third countries was opened pursuant to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1620/2003 ([3]).

(2) Article 5 of Commission Regulation (EC) No 1839/95 ([4]), as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2235/2000 ([5]), allows the Commission to decide, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 23 of Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92 and on the basis of the tenders notified, to make no award.

(3) On the basis of the criteria laid down in Articles 6 and 7 of Regulation (EC) No 1839/95 a maximum reduction in the duty should not be fixed.

(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

No action shall be taken on the tenders notified from 19 to 25 September 2003 in response to the invitation to tender for the reduction in the duty on imported maize issued in Regulation (EC) No 1620/2003.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 26 September 2003.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 25 September 2003.

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission

([1]) OJ L 181, 1.7.1992, p. 21.
([2]) OJ L 158, 27.6.2003, p. 1.
([3]) OJ L 231, 17.9.2003, p. 6.
([4]) OJ L 177, 28.7.1995, p. 4.
([5]) OJ L 256, 10.10.2000, p. 13.