COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1510/2003

of 27 August 2003

opening a standing invitation to tender for the resale on the Community market of 730 000 tonnes of rye held by the German intervention agency

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 Commission Regulation (EC) No 1104/2003 ([2]), and in particular Article 5(b) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2131/93 of 28 July 1993 laying down the procedure and conditions for the sale of cereals held by intervention agencies ([3]), as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1630/2003 ([4]), provides in particular that cereals held by intervention agencies are to be sold by tendering procedure at prices preventing market disturbance.

(2) Germany still has intervention stocks of rye.

(3) Because of the difficult weather conditions in much of the Community, cereals production has been significantly reduced in the 2003/2004 marketing year. This situation has resulted in high prices locally, causing particular difficulties for livestock holdings and the feedingstuffs industry, which are finding it hard to obtain supplies at competitive prices.

(4) It is therefore appropriate to make stocks of rye held by the German intervention agency available on the internal market, which had earlier been destined for export under Commission Regulation (EC) No 864/2003 ([5]), with a view to its use on the internal market in animal feed, and to repeal that Regulation.

(5) In order to ensure that the rye really is processed, the procedure should be specially monitored and the successful tenderer should provide a security, to be released on conditions to be laid down.

(6) Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3002/92 ([6]), as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 770/96 ([7]), lays down common detailed rules for verifying the use of products from intervention.

(7) In order to ensure sound management of the quantities awarded, provision should be made for an award coefficient for tenders offering the minimum sale price.

(8) When the German intervention agency notifies the Commission, the tenderers should remain anonymous.

(9) With a view to modernising management, the information required by the Commission should be sent by electronic mail.

(10) The Management Committee for Cereals has not issued an opinion by the time limit laid down by its Chairman,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. The German intervention agency shall open a standing invitation to tender for the resale on the Community market of 730 000 tonnes of rye held by it, with a view to processing into animal feed.

2. The regions in which the rye is stored are listed in Annex I hereto.

Article 2

The sale provided for in Article 1 shall take place in accordance with Regulation (EEC) No 2131/93.

However, notwithstanding the above Regulation:

(a) tenders shall be drawn up on the basis of the actual quality of the lot to which they apply;

(b) the minimum selling price shall be set at a level which does not disturb the cereals market.

Article 3

Tenders shall be valid only if they are accompanied by:

(a) proof that the tenderer has lodged a tender security which, notwithstanding Article 13(4) of Regulation (EEC) No 2131/93, shall be set at EUR 10 per tonne;

(b) a written undertaking from the tenderer to use the cereals to feed animals or to incorporate it into animal feed before 30 April 2004 and to lodge a security of EUR 30 per tonne no later than two working days after the day on which the declaration of award of the tender is received;

(c) a commitment to keep stock accounts enabling verification that the rye has indeed been incorporated into animal feed.

([1]) OJ L 181, 1.7.1992, p. 21.
([2]) OJ L 158, 27.6.2003, p. 1.
([3]) OJ L 191, 31.7.1993, p. 76.
([4]) OJ L 187, 26.7.2000, p. 24.
([5]) OJ L 124, 20.5.2003, p. 12.
([6]) OJ L 301, 17.10.1992, p. 17.
([7]) OJ L 104, 27.4.1996, p. 13.