COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1096/2003

of 25 June 2003

amending Commission Regulation (EC) No 953/2002 as regards increasing the quantity of barley held by the Belgian intervention agency for which a standing invitation to tender for export has been opened

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 1666/2000 ([2]), and in particular Article 5 thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2131/93 ([3]), as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1630/2000 ([4]), lays down the procedure and conditions for the disposal of cereals held by intervention agencies.

(2) Commission Regulation (EC) No 953/2002 ([5]), as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 937/2003 ([6]), opened a standing invitation to tender for the export of 58 081 tonnes of barley held by the Belgian intervention agency.

(3) Belgium informed the Commission of the intention of its intervention agency to increase by 35 123 tonnes the quantity put out to tender for export. In view of the market situation, the request made by Belgium should be granted.

(4) This increase in quantity put out to tender makes it necessary to alter the list of regions and quantities in store without delay.

(5) Regulation (EC) No 953/2002 should be amended accordingly.

(6) 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

Regulation (EC) No 953/2002 is amended as follows:

1. Article 2 is replaced by the following:

'*Article 2*

1. The invitation to tender shall cover a maximum of 93 204 tonnes of barley to be exported to all third countries with the exception of Bulgaria, Canada, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Mexico, Poland, Romania, the Slovak Republic, Slovenia and the United States of America.

2. The regions in which the 93 204 tonnes of barley are stored are set out in Annex I to this Regulation.'

2. Annex I is replaced by the Annex hereto.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

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

Done at Brussels, 25 June 2003.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

([1]) OJ L 181, 1.7.1992, p. 21.
([2]) OJ L 193, 29.7.2000, p. 1.
([3]) OJ L 191, 31.7.1993, p. 76.
([4]) OJ L 187, 26.7.2000, p. 24.
([5]) OJ L 147, 5.6.2002, p. 3.
([6]) OJ L 133, 29.5.2003, p. 51.