COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 988/2003
of 10 June 2003
opening tendering procedure No 45/2003 EC for the sale of wine alcohol 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]), as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 806/2003 ([2]),

Having regard to 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 ([3]), as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 625/2003 ([4]), and in particular Article 80 thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Regulation (EC) No 1623/2000 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) 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 the Member States consists of quantities produced from distillation under Articles 35 and 39 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 822/87 of 16 March 1987 on the common organisation of the market in wine ([5]), as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1677/1999 ([6]), and under Article 27 of Regulation (EC) No 1493/1999.

(3) Since the adoption of Council Regulation (EC) No 2799/98 of 15 December 1998 establishing agrimonetary arrangements for the euro ([7]), the prices offered in tenders and securities must be expressed in euro and payments must be made in euro.

(4) Minimum prices should be fixed 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

Tendering procedure No 45/2003 EC is hereby opened for the sale of wine alcohol for new industrial uses. The alcohol concerned has been produced from distillation under Articles 35 and 39 of Regulation (EEC) No 822/87 and Article 27 of Regulation (EC) No 1493/1999 and is held by the French intervention agency.

The volume put up for sale is 130 000 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

Tenders must be submitted to the intervention agency holding the alcohol concerned:

Onivins-Libourne, Délégation nationale, 17 avenue de la Ballastière, boîte postale 231, F-33505 Libourne Cedex (tel. (33-5) 57 55 20 00; telex: 57 20 25; fax (33-5) 57 55 20 59)

or sent by registered mail to that address.

Tenders shall be submitted in a sealed double envelope, the inside envelope marked: 'Tender under procedure No 45/2003 EC for new industrial uses', the outer envelope bearing the address of the intervention agency concerned.

Tenders must reach the intervention agency concerned not later than 12 noon Brussels time on 30 June 2003.

All tenders must be accompanied by proof that a tendering security of EUR 4 per hectolitre of alcohol at 100 % vol has been lodged with the intervention agency concerned.

([1]) OJ L 179, 14.7.1999, p. 1.
([2]) OJ L 122, 16.5.2003, p. 1.
([3]) OJ L 194, 31.7.2000, p. 45.
([4]) OJ L 90, 8.4.2003, p. 4.
([5]) OJ L 84, 27.3.1987, p. 1.
([6]) OJ L 199, 30.7.1999, p. 8.
([7]) OJ L 349, 24.12.1998, p. 1.