COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 937/2003

of 28 May 2003

amending Regulations (EC) No 668/2001, (EC) No 1500/2001, (EC) No 953/2002, (EC) No 968/2002, (EC) No 1081/2002 and (EC) No 2177/2002 opening standing invitations to tender for cereals held by certain intervention agencies

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 procedures and conditions for the disposal of cereals held by intervention agencies.

(2) In view of the market situation, it is necessary to continue the invitations to tender provided for by Commission Regulation (EC) No 668/2001 ([5]), as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 103/2003 ([6]), Commission Regulation (EC) No 1500/2001 ([7]), as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1714/2002 ([8]), Commission Regulation (EC) No 953/2002 ([9]), as amended by Regulation (EC) No 410/2003 ([10]), Commission Regulation (EC) No 968/2002 ([11]), as amended by Regulation (EC) No 106/2003 ([12]), Commission Regulation (EC) No 1081/2002 ([13]), as amended by Regulation (EC) No 105/2003 ([14]), and Commission Regulation (EC) No 2177/2002 ([15]) and therefore to fix at a later date the last partial invitation to tender provided for by these Regulations.

(3) Exports should also be limited to certain third countries and, in particular, the countries which are shortly to join the European Union should be excluded.

(4) Regulations (EC) No 668/2001, (EC) No 1500/2001, (EC) No 953/2002, (EC) No 968/2002, (EC) No 1081/2002 and (EC) No 2177/2002 should be amended accordingly.

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Regulation (EC) No 668/2001 is amended as follows:

(a) Article 2(1) is replaced by the following:

'1. The invitation to tender shall cover a maximum of 3 800 088 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.'

(b) Article 5(3) is replaced by the following:

'3. The last partial invitation to tender shall be 9 a.m. (Brussels time) on 13 May 2004.'

Article 2

Regulation (EC) No 1500/2001 is amended as follows:

(a) Article 2(1) is replaced by the following:

'1. The invitation to tender shall cover a maximum of 171 590 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.'

(b) Article 5(3) is replaced by the following:

'3. The last partial invitation to tender shall be 9 a.m. (Brussels time) on 27 May 2004.'

Article 3

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

(a) Article 2(1) is replaced by the following:

'1. The invitation to tender shall cover a maximum of 58 081 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.'

([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 93, 3.4.2001, p. 20.
([6]) OJ L 16, 22.1.2003, p. 7.
([7]) OJ L 199, 24.7.2001, p. 3.
([8]) OJ L 260, 28.9.2002, p. 3.
([9]) OJ L 147, 5.6.2002, p. 3.
([10]) OJ L 62, 6.3.2003, p. 16.
([11]) OJ L 149, 7.6.2002, p. 15.
([12]) OJ L 16, 22.1.2003, p. 12.
([13]) OJ L 164, 22.6.2002, p. 16.
([14]) OJ L 16, 22.1.2003, p. 10.
([15]) OJ L 331, 7.12.2002, p. 5.