COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2374/2002

of 30 December 2002

amending Regulation (EC) No 668/2001 increasing to 3 499 978 tonnes the quantity of barley held by the German 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 procedures and conditions for the disposal of cereals held by the intervention agencies.

(2) Commission Regulation (EC) No 668/2001 [5], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1095/2001 [6], opened a standing invitation to tender for the export of 3 000 055 tonnes of barley held by the German intervention agency. Germany informed the Commission of the intention of its intervention agency to increase by 499 923 tonnes the quantity for which a standing invitation to tender for export has been opened. The total quantity of barley held by the German intervention agency for which a standing invitation to tender for export has been opened should be increased to 3 499 978 tonnes.

(3) This increase in the quantity put out to tender makes it necessary to alter the list of regions and quantities in store. Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 668/2001 must therefore be amended.

(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

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

1. Article 2 is replaced by the following:

   '*Article 2*

   1. The invitation to tender shall cover a maximum of 3 499 978 tonnes of barley to be exported to all third countries with the exception of the United States, Canada and Mexico.

   2. The regions in which the 3 499 978 tonnes of barley are stored are stated 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 Communities*.

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

Done at Brussels, 30 December 2002.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

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[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 166, 25.6.2002, p. 4.