COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1654/2002
of 17 September 2002
on periodical sales by tender of beef 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 1254/1999 of 17 May 1999 on the common organisation of the market in beef and veal [1], as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 2345/2001 [2], and in particular Article 28 (2) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) The application of intervention measures in respect of beef has resulted in a build-up of stocks in several Member States. In order to prevent storage being prolonged excessively, part of those stocks should be put up for sale by periodical tender.

(2) The sale should be conducted in accordance with Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2173/79 of 4 October 1979 on detailed rules of application for the disposal of beef bought in by intervention agencies [3], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2417/95 [4], and in particular Titles II and III thereof.

(3) In the light of the frequency and nature of tenders under this Regulation it is necessary to derogate from Article 6 and 7 of Regulation (EEC) No 2173/79 with regard to the information and deadlines to be provided by the notice of invitation to tender.

(4) In order to ensure that the sales by tender are conducted properly and uniformly, measures in addition to those provided for in Article 8(1) of Regulation (EEC) No 2173/79 should be adopted.

(5) Provisions should be made for derogations from Article 8(2)(b) of Regulation (EEC) No 2173/79 in view of the administrative difficulties which the application of that point is creating in the Member States concerned.

(6) In order to ensure a proper functioning of the tender arrangements it is necessary to provide for a higher amount of security than the one fixed in Article 15(1) of Regulation (EEC) No 2173/79.

(7) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Beef and Veal,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. The following approximate quantities of intervention beef shall be put up for sale:

— 4 000 tonnes of bone-in hindquarters held by the German intervention agency,

— 4 000 tonnes of bone-in hindquarters held by the Italian intervention agency,

— 2 000 tonnes of bone-in hindquarters held by the Austrian intervention agency,

— 4 000 tonnes of bone-in hindquarters held by the French intervention agency,

— 4 000 tonnes of bone-in hindquarters held by the Spanish intervention agency,

— 94 tonnes of bone-in hindquarters held by the Danish intervention agency.

2. Subject to the provisions of this Regulation, the sale shall be conducted in accordance with Regulation (EEC) No 2173/79, and in particular Titles II and III thereof.

Article 2

1. Tenders shall be submitted for the following closing dates:

(a) 23 September 2002,

(b) 7 October 2002,

(c) 21 October 2002,

(d) 12 November 2002

until the quantities put up for sale are used up.

2. Notwithstanding Articles 6 and 7 of Regulation (EEC) No 2173/79, this Regulation shall serve as a general notice of invitation to tender.

The intervention agencies concerned shall draw up notices of invitation to tender for each sale, setting out in particular:

— the quantities of beef put up for sale, and

— the deadline and place for the submission of tenders.

3. Particulars of the quantities and the places where the products are stored may be obtained by the parties concerned at the addresses set out in the Annex. The intervention agencies shall, in addition, display the notices referred to in paragraph 2 at their head offices and may also publish them in other ways.

[1] OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 21.
[2] OJ L 315, 1.12.2001, p. 29.
[3] OJ L 251, 5.10.1979, p. 12.
[4] OJ L 248, 14.10.1995, p. 39.