COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1104/2002

of 25 June 2002

amending Regulation (EC) No 395/2002 and increasing the quantity covered by the standing invitation to tender for the resale on the internal market of rice held by the Italian intervention agency to approximately 60 000 tonnes

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 of 22 December 1995 on the common organisation of the market in rice [1], as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 411/2002 [2], and in particular the final indent of Article 8(b) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Commission Regulation (EEC) No 75/91 [3] lays down the procedures and conditions for the disposal of paddy rice held by intervention agencies.

(2) Commission Regulation (EC) No 395/2002 of 1 March 2002 on the opening of a standing invitation to tender for the resale on the internal market of some 20 000 tonnes of rice held by the Italian intervention agency [4], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1082/2002 [5], opens a standing invitation to tender for the resale on the internal market of approximately 35 000 tonnes of round-grain paddy rice and approximately 5 000 tonnes of long-grain paddy rice B held by the Italian intervention agency.

(3) In view of the current market situation, the quantity of rice placed on sale on the internal market should be increased to include 10 000 tonnes of round-grain paddy rice and approximately 10 000 tonnes of long-grain paddy rice B held by the Italian intervention agency.

(4) In view of the increase in the quantity of rice placed on sale, the time limit for the submission of tenders for the last partial invitation to tender should be extended.

(5) 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 395/2002 is amended as follows:

1. In Article 1, 'approximately 40 000 tonnes of paddy rice held by that agency, made up of approximately 35 000 tonnes of round-grain paddy rice and approximately 5 000 tonnes of long-grain paddy rice B' is replaced by 'approximately 60 000 tonnes of paddy rice held by that agency, made up of approximately 45 000 tonnes of round-grain paddy rice and approximately 15 000 tonnes of long-grain paddy rice B.'

2. In Article 2(2), '26 June 2002' is replaced by '31 July 2002'.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following 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, 25 June 2002.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

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[1] OJ L 329, 30.12.1995, p. 18.
[2] OJ L 62, 5.3.2002, p. 27.
[3] OJ L 9, 12.1.1991, p. 15.
[4] OJ L 61, 2.3.2002, p. 3.
[5] OJ L 164, 22.6.2002, p. 21.