COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 96/2003
of 20 January 2003
on the supply of white sugar as food aid

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1292/96 of 27 June 1996 on food-aid policy and food-aid management and special operations in support of food security [1], as amended by Regulation (EC) No 1726/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council [2], and in particular Article 24(1)(b) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) The abovementioned Regulation lays down the list of countries and organisations eligible for Community aid and specifies the general criteria on the transport of food aid beyond the fob stage.

(2) Following the taking of a number of decisions on the allocation of food aid, the Commission has allocated white sugar to certain beneficiaries.

(3) It is necessary to make these supplies in accordance with the rules laid down by Commission Regulation (EC) No 2519/97 of 16 December 1997 laying down general rules for the mobilisation of products to be supplied pursuant to Council Regulation (EC) No 1292/96 as Community food aid [3]. It is necessary to specify the time limits and conditions of supply to determine the resultant costs,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

White sugar shall be mobilised in the Community, as Community food aid for supply to the recipient listed in the Annex, in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 2519/97 and under the conditions set out in the Annex.

The tenderer is deemed to have noted and accepted all the general and specific conditions applicable. Any other condition or reservation included in his tender is deemed unwritten.

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, 20 January 2003.

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission

[1] OJ L 166, 5.7.1996, p. 1.
[2] OJ L 234, 1.9.2001, p. 10.
[3] OJ L 346, 17.12.1997, p. 23.