COMMISSION DECISION

of 19 March 1976

relating to the urgent supply of milled long grain rice as food aid to the Lebanese Republic

(Only the Italian text is authentic)

(76/350/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation No 359/67/EEC of 25 July 1967 on the common organization of the market in rice (1), as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 668/75 (2),

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2750/75 of 29 October 1975 laying down the conditions for the mobilization of cereals as food aid (3), and in particular Article 6 thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 374/76 of 17 February 1976 derogating from Regulation (EEC) No 2750/75 in respect of mobilization procedures for cereals to be supplied as food aid for the benefit of the Lebanese Republic (4),

Whereas on 17 February 1976 the Council of the European Communities declared that it proposed, by way of Community action, to grant the equivalent of 1 000 metric tons of husked rice (in other words, 690 metric tons of long grain milled rice) to the Lebanese Republic under its 1974/75 food-aid programme ;

Whereas, in view of the need to provide quick aid, it is necessary to have recourse to contracts by mutual agreement ;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Cereals,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION :

Article 1

1. In accordance with Article 1 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 374/76 of 17 February 1976, the Italian Rice Intervention Agency (Enterrisi), Piazza Pio XI, 1, Milan, shall conclude a private contract for the purchase on the Community market of 690 metric tons of milled long grain rice for delivery to the Lebanese Republic.

2. In concluding the private contract, Enterrisi must seek the least onerous terms possible.

3. The contract shall be for the purchase and supply of the products delivered Beirut, that is at the moment when the goods are actually removed from the ship's hold at the port of unloading.

4. The product shall be packed in 50 kg new jute sacks.

The sacks shall be marked by printing :

'Riz — Don de la Communauté économique européenne au Liban / À distribuer gratuitement.'

Article 2

The product referred to in Article 1 must meet the following requirements :

— moisture : 15 %,
— broken rice : 5 % maximum,
— chalky grains : 3 % maximum,
— grains striated with red : 3 % maximum,
— spotted grains : 1 % maximum,
— stained grains : 0·50 % maximum,
— yellow grains : 0·050 % maximum,
— amber grains : 0·125 % maximum.

Rice not meeting these requirements shall be refused.

Article 3

1. A security of a value of 10 units of account per metric ton shall be given by the party concerned on the signature of the contract. It shall be released on the completion of the operations in question within the time limit laid down and also for those quantities not realized due to *force majeure.*

2. The security provided for in paragraph 1 may be given in the form of a cash deposit or of a guarantee issued by a credit institution conforming to the criteria laid down by the Member State.

Article 4

Shipment shall be carried out between 25 and 30 March 1976.

(1) OJ No 174, 31. 7. 1967, p. 1.
(2) OJ No L 72, 20. 3. 1975, p. 18.
(3) OJ No L 281, 1. 11. 1975, p. 89.
(4) OJ No L 45, 21. 2. 1976, p. 8.

Article 5

The intervention agency shall ask that the interested party specifies the following information :

(a) after each shipment, a statement giving details of the quantities loaded, the quality of the products and their packaging ;

(b) the date of the departure of the ships ; the expected date of arrival of the products at their destination ;

(c) all possible contingencies which might occur during transportation of the products.

The intervention agency shall transmit the information provided for to the Commission as soon as it is received together with a copy of the private contract.

Article 6

This Decision is addressed to the Italian Republic.

Done at Brussels, 19 March 1976.

For the Commission

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