COMMISSION DECISION

of 14 January 1977

relating to the urgent supply of milled round grain rice as food aid to the International Committee of the Red Cross

(Only the Italian text is authentic)

(77/89/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1418/76 of 21 June 1976 on the common organization of the market in rice [1],

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2750/75 of 29 October 1975 fixing criteria for the mobilization of cereals intended as food aid [2], and in particular Article 6 thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 696/76 of 25 March 1976 derogating from Regulation (EEC) No 2750/75 in respect of mobilization procedures for cereals to be supplied as food aid [3],

Whereas on 21 December 1976 the Council of the European Communities declared that it proposed, by way of Community action, to grant the equivalent of 2 575 tonnes of husked rice (in other words, 1 996 tonnes of round grain milled rice) to the International Committee of the Red Cross under its 1975/76 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 696/76 of 25 March 1976, the Italian Rice Intervention Agency (Ente risi), Piazza Pio XI, 1, Milan, shall conclude a private contract for the purchase on the Community market of 1 996 tonnes of milled round grain rice for delivery to the International Committee of the Red Cross.

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

3. The contract shall be for the purchase and supply of the products to be deposited on the quay in the port of Beirut with option Limassol.

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

On the sacks shall be printed a red cross, 15 cm by 15 cm as well as the following :

'Riz blanchi / Don de la Communauté économique européenne / Action du Comité International de la Croix-Rouge / Pour distribution gratuite au Liban'.

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 tonne 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.

[1] OJ No L 166, 25. 6. 1976, p. 1.
[2] OJ No L 281, 1. 11. 1975, p. 89.
[3] OJ No L 83, 30. 3. 1976, p. 8.

Article 4

Shipment shall be carried out between 8 and 15 February 1977 (lot No 1 — 998 tonnes) and between 15 and 30 March 1977 (lot No 2 — 998 tonnes).

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, 14 January 1977.

For the Commission

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Vice-President