COMMISSION DECISION

of 28 April 1978

relating to the urgent supply of milled long grain rice as food aid to the League of Red Cross Societies

(Only the Italian text is authentic)

(78/448/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), as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 709/78 (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 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 (4),

Whereas on 31 January 1978 the Council of the European Communities declared that it proposed, by way of Community action, to grant the equivalent of 1 145·5 tonnes of husked rice (in other words, 790 tonnes of long grain milled rice) to the League of Red Cross Societies under its 1976/77 and 1977/78 food-aid programmes ;

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 790 tonnes of milled long grain rice for delivery to the League of Red Cross Societies.

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, or in the lighter where applicable in one of the ports of unloading listed in the Annex hereto.

4. The successful tenderer shall deliver the product specified in paragraph 1 in new jute sacks lined with cotton sacks of a net capacity of 50 kilograms.

On the sacks shall be printed :

— a red cross, 15 × 15 cm (lots 1, 2 and 3) and

— a red crescent 15 cm high with the points facing to the left (lot 4)

as well as the following :

'Riz blanchi / Don de la Communauté économique européenne / Action de la ligue des sociétés de la Croix-Rouge / Pour distribution gratuite'.

To allow for the possibility of re-bagging, the successful tenderer shall supply 2 % of new empty sacks, of the same quality as those containing the goods but with the printing followed by a capital letter 'R'.

Article 2

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

— moisture : 15 %,
— broken rice : 5 % maximum,
— chalky grains : 5 % maximum,
— grains striated with red : 3 % maximum,
— spotted grains : 1·5 % maximum,
— stained grains : 1 % maximum,
— yellow grains : 0·050 % maximum,
— amber grains : 0·20 % maximum.

Rice not meeting these requirements shall be refused.

(1) OJ No L 166, 25. 6. 1976, p. 1.
(2) OJ No L 94, 8. 4. 1978, p. 9.
(3) OJ No L 281, 1. 11. 1975, p. 89.
(4) OJ No L 83, 30. 3. 1976, p. 8.

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 operation 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 15 and 30 May 1978.

Article 5

The intervention agency shall ask that the interested party provides 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 occu during transportation of the products.

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

Article 6

As regards this tender, the intervention agency is authorized to make an initial payment of 80 % of the value of the quantity given in the bill of lading, on presentation of that document and subject to the taking of a security for an amount equal to the initial payment.

Article 7

This Decision is addressed to the Italian Republic.

Done at Brussels, 28 April 1978.

For the Commission

Finn GUNDELACH

Vice-President

ANNEXE — ALLEGATO — ANHANG — BILAG — ANNEX — BIJLAGE

Numéro du lot N. della partita Nr. des Loses Partiets nummer No of lot Nr. van de partij	Port de débarquement Porto di sbarco Bestimmungshafen Lossehavn Port of unloading Haven van lossing	Tonnage à mettre en caf Tonnellaggio da consegnare cif Nach cif zu bringende Menge Mængde til levering cif Tonnage cif Cif aan te leveren hoeveelheid
1	Dakar (Sénégal)	100 t
2	Praia (Cap-Vert)	50 t
3	Kigali (Rwanda)	100 t
4	Nouakchott (Mauritanie)	540 t