REGULATION (EEC) No 2543/74 OF THE COMMISSION

of 4 October 1974

opening an invitation to tender for the mobilization of long grain milled rice as food aid for the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine (UNRWA)

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 [1] of 25 July 1967 on the common organization of the market in rice, as last amended by the Act of Accession [2];

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1693/72 [3] of 3 August 1972 laying down the conditions for the mobilization of cereals as food aid, and in particular Article 6 thereof;

Whereas on 21 March 1974 the Council of the European Communities declared that it proposed, by way of Community action, to grant the equivalent of 193 metric tons of husked rice (in other words, 150 metric tons of long grain milled rice) to UNRWA under its 1973/74 food-aid programme;

Wheres pursuant to Article 3 (3) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 1693/72 the goods may be purchased anywhere on the Community market;

Whereas the proposed invitation to tender should be for supply of the products cif, that is to say actually placed on the quay at the port of unloading;

Whereas the award under the invitation to tender must be made to the tenderer offering the best terms;

Whereas, should *force majeure* make it impossible to complete the operation in question within the time limits specified, it must be made clear who is to bear the liability for any resulting costs;

Whereas provision should be made for security to be given for the purpose of guaranteeing that the obligation arising by virtue of participation in the invitation to tender for supplies to UNRWA:

Whereas the Italian intervention agency should be made responsible for the tendering procedure;

Whereas the Commission must be informed quickly of the tenders submitted in response to the invitation and of those accepted by the intervention agency;

Whereas 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

1. Tenders are hereby invited for the supply to UNRWA by way of Community action, of 150 metric tons of long grain milled rice.

2. The tendering procedure shall take place in Italy in one lot. The product shall be mobilized on the Community market. The products shall be loaded for departure from a Community port.

3. The invitation to tender provided for in paragraph 1 is for supply of products delivered cif, that is to say, actually placed on the quay of the port of Beirut.

4. The successful tenderer shall deliver the product specified in paragraph 1 cif in new jute sacks of a net capacity of 50 kilogrammes.

The following shall be printed on the sacks:

'Milled rice — gift of the European Community.'

Article 2

1. The decision on tenders received in response to the invitation provided for in Article 1 shall be taken on 21 October 1974.

2. The closing date for the submission of tenders shall be 21 October 1974 at 12 noon.

3. The notice of invitation to tender shall be published in the *Official Journal of the European Communities* not less than nine days before the closing date for the submission of tenders.

Article 3

The contract shall be awarded to the tenderer offering the best terms.

However, if the tenders submitted do not appear to correspond to normal market prices and costs, the intervention agency may cancel the invitation to tender.

[1] OJ No 174, 31. 7. 1967, p. 1.
[2] OJ No L 73, 27. 3. 1972, p. 14.
[3] OJ No L 178, 5. 8. 1972, p. 3.

Article 4

1. The successful tenderer shall give security in an amount of 10 units of account per metric ton of goods; the purpose of such security is to guarantee performance of the operations specified in Articles 1 and 5. The security shall be forfeit if those operations are not carried out within the time stipulated, save as regards quantities not delivered for reasons of *force majeure.*

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

Article 5

1. The long grain milled rice referred to in Article 1 to be supplied to UNRWA 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.

2. Tenders for supply to UNRWA of the long grain milled rice referred to in Article 1 must relate to a product with the following characteristics:

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

Article 6

1. The Italian intervention agency shall be responsible for the operations relating to the invitation to tender provided for by this Regulation.

2. It shall forthwith communicate to the Commission the list of firms which have responded to the invitation to tender, specifying the terms of each tender, together with the name and business name of the successful tenderer.

3. On the other hand, if the successful tenderer is established in a Member State other than the one collecting the tenders, and if the product is dispatched through a frontier post of the Member State where the successful tenderer is established, the intervention agency of the latter Member State shall be responsible for the operations relating to the tendering.

In this case, the intervention agency choosing the successful tenderer shall immediately inform the intervention agency of the Member State concerned and shall supply it with all the information which it may require.

4. The intervention agency shall request the successful tenderer to supply the following information:

(a) after each shipment a certificate showing the quantities dispatched and the quality of the products;

(b) the date of departure of the vessels.

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

The intervention agency shall transmit the information provided to the Commission as soon as it is received.

Article 7

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day of 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, 4 October 1974.

For the Commission

The President

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