REGULATION (EEC) No 2596/74 OF THE COMMISSION

of 11 October 1974

opening an invitation to tender for the mobilization of common wheat as food aid for the Islamic Republic of Mauritania

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community;

Having regard to Council Regulation No 120/67/EEC [1] of 13 June 1967 on the common organization of the market in cereals, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1996/74 [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 by way of Community action it proposed to grant the Islamic Republic of Mauritania 4 000 metric tons of common wheat under its 1973/74 food-aid programme;

Whereas 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 delivered cif, that is at the moment when the goods are actually removed from the ship's hold at the port of unloading;

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

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

Whereas provisions should be made for security to be given for the purpose of guaranteeing that the obligations arising by virtue of participation in the invitation to tender for supplies to the Islamic Republic of Mauritania will be fulfilled;

Whereas the French intervention agency should be made responsible for the tendering procedure in question;

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 the Islamic Republic of Mauritania by way of Community food aid action of 4 000 metric tons of common wheat.

2. The tendering procedure shall take place in France in two lots. The product shall be mobilized on the Community market. The product 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 at the moment when the goods are actually removed from the ship's hold at the port of unloading.

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

The following shall be printed on the sacks:
'Froment — Don de la Communauté économique européenne — Distribution gratuite.

Article 2

1. The decision on tenders received in response to the invitation provided for in Article 1 shall be taken on 25 October 1974.

2. The closing date for submission of tenders shall be 25 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 submission of tenders.

Article 3

The contract shall be awarded to the tenderer who offers the most favourable terms. If is appears, however, that the tenders submitted do not reflect

(1) OJ No 117, 19. 6. 1967, p. 2269/67.
(2) OJ No L 209, 31. 7. 1974, p. 1.
(3) OJ No L 178, 5. 8. 1972, p. 3.

normal market prices and rates, the intervention agency may cancel the invitation to tender.

Article 4

1. The successful tenderer shall give security in an amount of five units of account per metric ton of goods ; the purpose of such security is to guarantee performance of the operations specified in Article 1. 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 conforming to the criteria laid down by the Member State.

Article 5

The common wheat referred to in Article 1 to be supplied to the Islamic Republic of Mauritania must be of fair and sound merchantable quality and correspond at least to the standard quality for which the intervention price is fixed, except that the moisture content shall not exceed 15·5 % and that a maximum of 3 % of sprouted grains and 1·5 % of miscellaneous impurities shall be allowed.

Article 6

1. The French intervention agency shall be responsible for organizing 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 information indicated above shall be forwarded by the intervention agency to the Commission immediately upon receipt.

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, 11 October 1974.

For the Commission

The President

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