REGULATION (EEC) No 478/75 OF THE COUNCIL

of 27 February 1975

amending Regulation No 366/67/EEC on the fixing of export refunds on rice

THE COUNCIL 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 Regulation (EEC) No 476/75 (2), and in particular Article 17 (5) thereof;

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission;

Whereas Regulation No 366/67/EEC (3) laid down general rules for export refunds on rice; whereas the refund constitutes an instrument for permitting the continuation of export of rice and broken rice towards third countries; whereas these exports could be achieved hitherto by using the refund without any quantitative restriction; whereas it is however important in certain situations, and particularly in periods of uncertainty or of large price fluctuations on the world market, to ensure more precise management of exports; whereas the fixing of the refund by means of tenders seems to be a suitable method for attaining this objective;

Whereas Article 7 of Regulation No 366/67/EEC provides for the weekly fixing of export refunds on rice and broken rice; whereas it is not necessary for the purposes of management of the market that refunds be fixed so frequently in all cases,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The following Article shall be added to Regulation No 366/67/EEC:

'Article 3a

1. The refund for the products referred to in Article 1 (1) (a) and (b) of Regulation No 359/67/EEC may be fixed, where appropriate, by means of tenders. These tenders shall relate to the amount of the refund.

2. The detailed rules for the application of paragraph 1 shall be adopted in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 26 of Regulation No 359/67/EEC.'

Article 2

The text of Article 7 of Regulation No 366/67/EEC shall be replaced by the following:

'The refunds on the products listed in Article 3 shall be fixed at least once a month.'

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third day following 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, 27 February 1975.

For the Council

The President

M. A. CLINTON

(1) OJ No 174, 31. 7. 1967, p. 1.
(2) See page 31 of this Official Journal.
(3) OJ No 174, 31. 7. 1967, p. 34.