COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 169/76

of 26 January 1976

concerning the issue of an invitation to tender for the supply to UNICEF for use as food aid of skimmed-milk powder to be purchased on the Community market

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 804/68 of 27 June 1968 on the common organization of the market in milk and milk products (1), as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 740/75 (2), and in particular Article 7 (5) thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1347/75 of 26 May 1975 laying down the general rules for the supply of skimmed-milk powder under the 1975 food-aid programme to certain developing countries and certain international organizations (3), and in particular Article 6 thereof,

Whereas Council Regulation (EEC) No 1348/75 of 26 May 1975 on the supply of skimmed-milk powder under the 1975 food-aid programme to certain developing countries and certain international organizations (4), provides for the supply of 2 910 metric tons of skimmed-milk powder to UNICEF and provides, moreover, for a 3 800 metric tons reserve stock; whereas UNICEF has requested the supply of 665 metric tons of vitaminized skimmed milk of which 500 metric tons for Bangladesh and 165 metric tons for the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen;

Whereas Article 2 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 1347/75 provides that if there is not enough skimmed-milk powder available in public stocks with the characteristics necessary for the particular destination where this requires, in particular, the addition of vitamins, supplies shall be obtained by purchase on the Community market;

Whereas Article 5 of Regulation (EEC) No 1348/75 provides that for the purposes of the supply and shipment of skimmed-milk powder invitations to tender are to be issued;

Whereas the procedure to be adopted for this tendering should in the main be the procedure used hitherto in similar cases;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Milk and Milk Products,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. Tenders shall be invited in accordance with Regulations (EEC) No 1347/75 and (EEC) No 1348/75 for the costs of supplying to UNICEF 665 metric tons of skimmed-milk powder of which:

— 365 metric tons to be taken from the 2 910 metric tons set aside for UNICEF,

— 300 metric tons to be taken from the 3 800 metric tons reserve stock.

2. This supply shall be divided up into the following lots:

Lot A: 500 metric tons for Bangladesh, of which
250 metric tons cif Chittagong and
250 metric tons cif Chalna;

Lot B: 165 metric tons for the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen to be delivered cif Aden.

The shipping shall take place as soon as possible and not later than 15 March 1976.

3. The skimmed-milk powder shall meet the requirements as to quality and packaging set out in the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

1. The intervention agencies shall frame a notice of invitation to tender which shall be published in the *Official Journal of the European Communities* not less than 10 days before the closing date for the submission of tenders.

2. The closing date for the submission of tenders shall be 10 February 1976, at 12 noon.

(1) OJ No L 148, 28. 6. 1968, p. 13.
(2) OJ No L 74, 22. 3. 1975, p. 1.
(3) OJ No L 138, 29. 5. 1975, p. 1.
(4) OJ No L 138, 29. 5. 1975, p. 3.

Article 3

1. Tenders, which shall be in writing, shall be submitted either by delivery by hand to an intervention agency against acknowledgement of receipt or by registered letter addressed to an intervention agency. Intervention agencies may also authorize the use of telex.

2. Each tender shall bear only one lot.

3. The tender shall indicate *inter alia*:

(a) the name and address of the tenderer;

(b) the port or ports of loading, chosen from among Community ports;

(c) the price, exclusive of taxes, expressed in the currency of the Member State in which the tender is presented, at which the tenderer undertakes to supply, in accordance with the specifications laid down in the Annexes, the entire quantity of a lot put out to tender.

Such price shall be inclusive of transport insurance costs to the stage referred to in Article 1 (2) for delivery.

4. A tender shall be valid only if:

(a) it relates to the entire lot put out to tender;

(b) proof is given before expiry of the period set for the submission of tenders that the security referred to in Article 4 has been provided.

5. No tender may be withdrawn.

Article 4

1. The tendering security shall be 20 units of account per metric ton of skimmed-milk powder.

2. It shall take the form, at the discretion of the Member State concerned, either of a cheque made out in favour of the intervention agency, or of a bank guarantee which satisfies the criteria fixed by the Member State.

Article 5

In the light of the tenders received and in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 30 of Regulation (EEC) No 804/68 a maximum price, expressed in units of account, shall be fixed or alternatively a decision shall be taken to make no award.

Article 6

1. A tender shall be refused if the price proposed, converted into units of account, is more than the maximum price fixed for the lot in question.

2. Subject as provided in paragraph 1, the successful tenderer shall be the one whose offer, converted into units of account, is the lowest. Where two or more valid offers specifying identical amounts, as converted into units of account, are received by a given intervention agency, the award shall be made by drawing lots. Where such offers are made to different intervention agencies, the award shall be made by the intervention agency selected in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 5.

3. The intervention agency shall immediately inform each tenderer whether he has been awarded the contract.

4. Rights and obligations arising in connection with the invitation to tender shall not be transferable.

Article 7

1. The successful tenderer shall deliver a quantity of skimmed-milk powder satisfying the requirements as to quality and packaging laid down in the Annex.

The successful tenderer shall also supply a further 5 % of empty bags identical to those containing the goods.

2. Delivery cif shall be completed when the goods are actually deposited on the quayside or on board a lighter at the port of unloading.

Article 8

Any demurrage costs at the port of unloading attributable to the recipient shall be borne by it. The rates and other details concerning such costs shall be laid down in the contract between the successful tenderer and the carrier and must have been previously agreed upon by the successful tenderer acting as Community agent and the recipient's delivery agent.

Article 9

1. The intervention agency concerned shall as soon as possible notify the recipient body of the name of the vessel, the date of loading, the quantity and the quality of the goods as recorded at time of loading and the port of unloading.

2. The successful tenderer shall inform the recipient at least 10 clear days in advance of the expected date of arrival of the ship in the port of unloading. The successful tenderer shall have included in the terms of the charter-party a provision stipulating that the ship's captain shall inform the recipient at least 72 hours in advance of the ship's probable date of arrival in port.

Article 10

1. The competent agency of the Member State in which the contract is awarded shall check that the skimmed-milk powder in question satisfies requirements as to quality and packaging laid down in the Annex.

2. If the goods are found to satisfy those requirements, the agency shall, before completion of the customs formalities referred to in Article 11 (1), provide the successful tenderer with a certificate to that effect.

3. On delivery the recipient shall issue a certificate stating that delivery of that quantity of skimmed milk has been taken at the stage specified in Article 1 (2).

Article 11

1. Customs export formalities shall be carried out in the Member State in which the award of contract is made.

2. If the port of loading specified in the tender is situated in a Member State other than that in which the customs export formalities are carried out, the goods shall, on completion of such formalities, be placed under customs control with the object of ensuring that they are loaded at the port specified in the tender.

Proof of loading can be furnished only by production of the control copy referred to in Article 1 of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2315/69 of 19 November 1969 on the use of Community transit documents for the purpose of applying Community measures for verifying the use and/or destination of goods (1), as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 690/73 (2).

Sections 101, 103 and 104 of the control copy shall be completed.

Section 104 shall be completed by deleting as necessary and entering against the second indent one of the following endorsements :

— 'delivery of skimmed-milk powder as food aid (Regulation (EEC) No 169/76 to be shipped from the port of ...';

— 'Livraison de lait écrémé en poudre à titre d'aide alimentaire (règlement (CEE) n° 169/76 destinée à être embarquée au port de ...';

— 'Lieferung von Magermilchpulver als Nahrungsmittelhilfe (Verordnung (EWG) Nr. 169/76 zur Verschiffung im Hafen von ... bestimmt';

— 'Fornitura di latte scremato in polvere a titolo di aiuto alimentare (regolamento (CEE) n. 169/76 destinata ad essere imbarcata del porto di ...';

— 'Levering van magere-melkpoeder als voedselhulp (Verordening (EEG) nr. 169/76) bestemd om te worden verscheept in de haven van ...';

— 'Levering af skummetmælkspulver som fødevarehjælp (forordning (EØF) nr. 169/76) bestemt til lastning i havnen i ...'.

Article 12

1. Except in cases of *force majeure,* the tendering security shall be released only if :

(a) the tender has not been accepted ;

(b) the tenderer :

— has not withdrawn his tender before the contract is awarded,

— has furnished the certificates provided for in Article 10 (2) and (3).

2. Release of the security shall take place immediately.

3. In cases of *force majeure,* the intervention agency shall decide on the measures to be taken having regard to the circumstances invoked.

Article 13

The amount referred to in Article 3 (3) (c) shall be paid only on production of the certificates provided for in Article 10 (2) and (3).

Article 14

Except in cases of *force majeure,* the successful tenderer shall accept all financial liability devolving upon the Community by reason of failure to load the skimmed-milk powder by the date specified in Article 1 (4).

Costs incurred by reason of failure to deliver the skimmed-milk powder as a result of *force majeure* shall be borne by the competent agency of the Member State in which the award of contract is made.

Article 15

No refund or compensatory amount (whether monetary or accession) shall be applicable in respect of skimmed-milk powder supplied under this Regulation.

Article 16

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities.*

(1) OJ No L 295, 24. 11. 1969, p. 14.
(2) OJ No L 66, 13. 3. 1973, p. 23.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 26 January 1976.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

ANNEX

I. Skimmed-milk powder requirements

(a) fat content :	1·5 % maximum
(b) water content :	4·0 % maximum
(c) total acidity in lactic acid :	0·15 % maximum (18° Dornic)
(d) test for neutralization agents :	negative
(e) authorized additives :	none
(f) phosphatase test :	negative
(g) solubility :	0·5 ml maximum (99 % minimum)
(h) degree of purity :	disc B (15·0 mg minimum)
(i) germ content :	50 000 per g maximum
(k) colon bacillus titer :	negative in 0·1 g
(l) taste and smell :	clean
(m) appearance :	white or slightly yellowish colour, free from impurities or coloured particles
(n) vitamin enrichment	
(aa) vitamin A :	5 000 i.u. per 100 g
(bb) vitamin D :	500 i.u. per 100 g.

II. Packing

(a) New bags of a net weight content of 25 kg (5 % empty bags).

(b) Composition :

— four Kraft paper bags of a strength representing at least 70 g/m² ;

— one interposed tar-lined paper bag, of a strength representing at least 140 g/m² or one Kraft paper bag with polyethylene layer, of a strength representing at least 70 g + 15 g/m² ;

— one polyethylene inner bag at least 0·08 mm thick double bound.

(c) The following marking to appear on the packaging in letters at least 1 cm high :

'FORTIFIED SKIMMED-MILK POWDER — GIFT OF THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY — ACTION OF THE UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN'S FUND (UNICEF)'.