COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 2003/76

of 10 August 1976

on the invitation to tender for the costs of delivery to the Republic of Senegal of skimmed-milk powder as food aid

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 559/76 (2), and in particular Articles 7 (5) and 28 thereof,

Whereas Council Regulation (EEC) No 1348/75 of 26 May 1975 on the supply of skimmed-milk powder as food aid to certain developing countries and international organizations under the 1975 programme (3), makes provisions for a reserve of 3 800 metric tons of skimmed-milk powder; whereas 200 metric tons of skimmed-milk powder to be taken out of this reserve shall be made available to the Republic of Senegal; whereas this country has requested the supply of the abovementioned quantity;

Whereas under Article 5 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 1347/75 of 26 May 1975 laying down general rules for the supply of skimmed-milk powder as food aid to certain developing countries and international organizations (4), such supplies are as a rule to be put out to tender;

Whereas the tendering procedure should for the main point be retained as the procedure determined at the present time for 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 the provisions of Regulations (EEC) No 1347/75, and (EEC) No 1348/75, for the costs of delivery quayside, port of unloading Dakar pursuant to Article 5 to the Republic of Senegal of a lot of 200 metric tons of skimmed-milk powder bought in under Article 7 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 804/68, and held by the French intervention agency.

2. At the time it is withdrawn from stock, the skimmed-milk powder shall, as to quality, satisfy the requirements laid down in Annex I to Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1108/68 of 27 July 1968 on detailed rules of application for the public storage of skimmed-milk powder (5), as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1457/75 (6).

The conditions for packing are laid down in the Annex to this Regulation.

3. The intervention agency shall supply a further 2 % empty bags identical to those containing the goods. The successful tenderer undertakes to have these bags mentioned on the bill of lading.

4. Loading shall take place as soon as possible and not later than 30 September 1976.

Article 2

1. The French intervention agency shall draw up the 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 24 August 1976 at 12 noon.

3. The intervention agency shall indicate in its notice the warehouses where the skimmed-milk powder is held.

Article 3

1. Tenders, which shall be in writing, shall be submitted either by delivery by hand to the intervention agency against acknowledgment of receipt or by registered letter addressed to the intervention agency.

(1) OJ No L 148, 28. 6. 1968, p. 13.
(2) OJ No L 67, 15. 3. 1976, p. 9.
(3) OJ No L 138, 29. 5. 1975, p. 3.
(4) OJ No L 138, 29. 5. 1975, p. 1.
(5) OJ No L 184, 29. 7. 1968, p. 34.
(6) OJ No L 145, 6. 6. 1975, p. 17.

2. The tender shall indicate :

(a) the name and address of the tenderer ;

(b) the amount, expressed in French francs, for which the tenderer undertakes to deliver the skimmed-milk powder quayside, port of unloading under the conditions laid down in Article 5 including the insurance costs covering the value of the goods ;

(c) the port of embarkation, which may be any Community port.

3. The tender shall not be valid unless :

(a) it relates to the whole of the lot to which the invitation to tender relates ;

(b) proof is furnished that before the time limit for submission of tenders has expired, the tenderer has given the security fixed in Article 4.

4. The tender may not be withdrawn.

Article 4

1. The security required for the invitation to tender shall be two units of account per metric ton of skimmed-milk powder.

2. It shall take the form, at the option 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 laid down by the Member State.

Article 5

1. Delivery costs shall be the costs incurred up to the time when the goods are unloaded on the quayside at the port of unloading, all costs subsequent to delivery, including costs of taking delivery, to be borne by the recipient country.

2. Any costs in respect of delays in taking delivery of the goods which are to be borne by the recipient country shall be attributable to this country.

3. Except in cases of *force majeure* every successful tenderer shall accept all financial liability devolving upon the Community by reason of failure to deliver the skimmed-milk powder at the place and by the time appointed, provided always that the recipient country has made it possible for the skimmed-milk powder to be so delivered. Costs incurred by reason of failure to deliver the skimmed-milk powder as a result of *force majeure* shall be borne by the French intervention agency.

Article 6

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 amount, expressed in units of account, shall be fixed or alternatively a decision shall be taken to make no award.

Article 7

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

2. Without prejudice to the provisions of paragraph 1, the successful tenderer shall for each lot be the one making the lowest offer. Where two or more valid offers specify amounts which when converted into units of account are identical, the award shall be made by drawing lots.

3. Each tenderer shall be immediately notified by the intervention agency of the result of his participation in the invitation to tender. The intervention agency concerned shall immediately inform the Commission of the name and address of the successful tenderers.

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

Article 8

When the successful tenderer takes delivery of the skimmed-milk powder, he shall ensure that the quantity handed over corresponds to the quantity to be delivered.

Furthermore, he shall ensure that the packing of the skimmed-milk powder satisfies the requirements laid down in Article 1 (2).

Article 9

The French Government shall :

1. ensure that the successful tenderer shall :

   (a) notify the recipient country as soon as possible after the goods have left the place of embarkation of details of the ship, the loading date, the quantity and quality of the goods as recorded on shipment ;

   (b) at least 10 clear days in advance, inform the recipient country of the expected date of arrival at the port of ship's unloading ;

   (c) have included in the terms of the charter party a provision stipulating that the ship's captain shall, at least 72 hours in advance, notify the recipient country of the ship's probable date of arrival in port ;

2. send to the Commission as soon as possible the information specified in paragraph 1 (a) and (b).

Article 10

1. Delivery quayside, port of unloading shall be considered as completed when the goods are actually deposited on the quayside at the port of unloading.

2. On delivery in accordance with paragraph 1, the recipient country shall issue a certificate declaring that the skimmed-milk powder has been delivered.

Article 11

1. Save in the case 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 decision awarding the tender,

— has furnished the certificate provided for in Article 10 (2).

2. The security shall be released immediately.

Article 12

In cases of *force majeure* the intervention agency selling the skimmed-milk powder shall decide on the measures to be taken having regard to the circumstances invoked.

Article 13

The intervention agency shall pay to the successful tenderer the amount stated in his tender upon production of the certificate referred to in Article 10 (2).

Article 14

No refund or compensatory amount (whether monetary or accession) shall be applied in respect of the skimmed-milk powder to which this Regulation applies.

Article 15

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, 10 August 1976.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

ANNEX

CONDITIONS FOR PACKING

The packing

containing a net weight of 25 kg and made up in one of the following ways :

I. 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 ;
one polyethylene inner bag at least 0·06 mm thick, welded or double bound.

II. One One Kraft paper bag of a strength representing at least 70 g/m² ;
one Kraft paper bag with a polyethylene layer of a strength representing at least 80 g + 15 g/m² ;
three Kraft paper bags of a strength representing at least 70 g/m² ;
one polyethylene inner bag at least 0·06 mm thick, welded or double bound.

III. One Kraft paper outer bag of a strength representing at least 85 g/m² ;
one Kraft paper bag with a polyethylene layer of a strength representing at least 70 g + 15 g/m² ;
two Kraft paper bags of a strength representing at least 70 g/m² ;
one polyethylene inner bag at least 0·12 mm thick, welded or double bound.

IV. The packing shall be marked with the following markings in letters at least 1 cm high :

'Lait écrémé en poudre / Don de la Communauté économique européenne à la république du Sénégal / Non vitaminé'.