COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 484/76

of 3 March 1976

opening an invitation to tender for Parmigiano Reggiano cheeses held by the Italian intervention agency

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 8 (5) thereof,

Whereas substantial stocks of Grana Padano and Parmigiano Reggiano cheeses are held by the Italian intervention agency; whereas, in view of the market situation, and in order to avoid the costs of prolonged storage, certain quantities of Parmigiano Reggiano cheeses which have reached the proper age for consumption should be sold;

Whereas, pursuant to the first subparagraph of Article 8 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 804/68, the terms of disposal should be fixed in such a way as to avoid disturbing the balance of the market; whereas this aim may be achieved through the level at which the selling price is fixed and also by limiting the quantities to be released on to the market; whereas, in order to ensure equal access to cheeses for prospective purchasers, the procedure of an invitation to tender should be used, detailed rules for which are set out in Articles 6 to 15 of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1107/68 of 27 July 1968 on detailed rules of application for intervention on the market in Grana Padano and Parmigiano Reggiano cheeses (3), as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 250/76 (4);

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

Tenders are invited for a quantity of approximately 1 000 metric tons of fully matured Parmigiano Reggiano cheeses held by the Italian intervention agency.

Article 2

Articles 6 to 15 of Regulation (EEC) No 1107/68 shall apply to this invitation to tender.

Article 3

The time limit for the submission of tenders shall expire on 22 March 1976 at 12 noon.

Article 4

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, 3 March 1976.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

(1) OJ No L 148, 28. 6. 1968, p. 13.
(2) OJ No L 74, 22. 3. 1975, p. 1.
(3) OJ No L 184, 29. 7. 1968, p. 29.
(4) OJ No L 30, 5. 2. 1976, p. 11.