COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 840/76

of 8 April 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 559/76 [2], and in particular Article 8 (5) thereof,

Whereas substantial stocks of 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, those quantities should be released on the market;

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, it is therefore necessary, besides the selling price to be fixed, to split up the quantities to be sold and to put up for sale a partial quantity of 6 400 metric tons;

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 6 400 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 April 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, 8 April 1976.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

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[1] OJ No L 148, 28. 6. 1968, p. 13.
[2] OJ No L 67, 15. 3. 1976, p. 9.
[3] OJ No L 184, 29. 7. 1968, p. 29.
[4] OJ No L 30, 5. 2. 1976, p. 11.