# COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 918/79

## of 10 May 1979

## opening a standing invitation to tender for the putting up for sale of olive oil 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 No 136/66/EEC of 22 September 1966 on the establishment of a common organization of the market in oils and fats (1), as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 590/79 (2), and in particular Article 12 (5) thereof,

Whereas Article 2 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2754/78 of 23 November 1978 (3), provides that olive oil held by the intervention agencies shall be put up for sale by tender;

Whereas, pursuant to Article 12 (1) of Regulation No 136/66/EEC, the Italian intervention agency has, since the 1975/76 marketing year, bought in large quantities of olive oil;

Whereas Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2960/77 (4) laid down the conditions for the sale by tender on the Community market and for export of olive oil; whereas the state of the Italian market in olive oil is at present favourable for the sale of part of the said oil; whereas, in order to facilitate the regular supply of the market up to the end of the current marketing year, the sale should be effected by means of a standing invitation to tender;

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

*Article 1*

The Italian intervention agency 'Azienda di Stato per gli interventi nel mercato agricolo', hereinafter referred to as 'AIMA', shall open a standing invitation to tender in accordance with the provisions of this Regulation and of Regulation (EEC) No 2960/77 for the sale on the Community market of the following quantities of olive oil from intervention purchases made during the 1975/76, 1976/77 and 1977/78 olive marketing years:

— approximately 24 000 tonnes of extra virgin olive oil,

— approximately 2 000 tonnes of fine virgin olive oil,

— approximately 4 800 tonnes of ordinary virgin olive oil,

— approximately 9 000 tonnes of lampante virgin olive oil,

— approximately 15 800 tonnes of olive residue oil.

*Article 2*

The invitation to tender shall be made public on 23 May 1979. Particulars of the lots of oil offered for sale and of the places where they are stored shall be displayed at the central office of AIMA, Via Palestro 81, Rome, Italy.

A copy of the invitation to tender shall be sent without delay to the Commission.

*Article 3*

The first series of tenders must reach AIMA, Via Palestro 81, Rome, Italy, not later than 2 p.m. (local time) on 6 June 1979.

Subsequent series of tenders must be lodged, likewise not later than 2 p.m., on:

— 22 June 1979,

— 23 July 1979,

— 23 August 1979,

— 21 September 1979.

With regard to lampante virgin olive oil, tenders shall be made for an oil of 5° acidity.

With regard to olive residue oil, tenders shall be made for an oil of 15° acidity.

*Article 4*

Not later than three days after the expiry of each time limit laid down for the submission of tenders, AIMA shall send the Commission a list, without mentioning names, stating the highest tender received for each lot put up for sale.

(1) OJ No 172, 30. 9. 1966, p. 3025/66.
(2) OJ No L 78, 30. 3. 1979, p. 1.
(3) OJ No L 331, 28. 11. 1978, p. 13.
(4) OJ No L 348, 30. 12. 1977, p. 46.

*Article 5*

The minimum selling price shall be fixed, on the basis of the tenders received, not later than the last working day of the month during which the tenders were submitted and, in accordance with the procedure set out in Article 38 of Regulation No 136/66/EEC. The decision fixing the minimum selling price shall be notified forthwith to the Member State concerned.

*Article 6*

The olive oil shall be sold by AIMA not later than the fifth day of each month following that during which the tenders were submitted. AIMA shall supply the agencies responsible for storage with a list of the lots remaining unsold.

A list of the lots remaining unsold shall be displayed at the central office of AIMA not later than the 10th day of the month.

*Article 7*

The security referred to in Article 8 of Regulation (EEC) No 2960/77 shall be 9·50 ECU/100 kg.

*Article 8*

The storage charge referred to in Article 15 of Regulation (EEC) No 2960/77 shall be Lit 1 500 per 100 kg.

*Article 9*

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day of 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 May 1979.

*For the Commission*

Finn GUNDELACH

*Vice-President*