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COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 2575/93

of 20 September 1993

opening an invitation to tender for the 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 2046/92 (2), and in particular Article 12 (4) thereof,

Whereas Article 2 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2754/78 (3), as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2203/90 (4), 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 holds certain quantities of olive oil;

Whereas Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2960/77 (5), as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 3818/85 (6), laid down the conditions for the sale by tender on the Community market and for export of olive oil; whereas the state of the market in olive oil is at present favourable for the sale of part of the said oil;

Whereas in the present situation of the market in virgin olive oil where supply is low compared with demand and in order to provide the greatest possible number of operators with a minimum supply for their immediate needs, it should be stipulated that each operator may only submit tenders for a maximum quantity;

Whereas special time limits should be laid down for withdrawal of the olive oil to expedite its placing on the market;

Whereas Article 20 of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1068/93 of 30 April 1993 on detailed rules for determining and applying the agricultural conversion rates (7) lays down that tenders submitted in response to invitations to tender be expressed in ecus and Articles 13 to 17 thereof provide for advance fixing of the agricultural conversion rates for the amounts concerned; whereas Article 10 of the said Regulation applies to the olive oil sector only as from the beginning of the 1993/94 marketing year; whereas it is accordingly necessary to specify the operative event for the agricultural conversion rate in the case of this 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 an 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:

— approximateley 6 600 tonnes of ordinary virgin olive oil,

— approximately 2 300 tonnes of lampante virgin olive oil.

Article 2

The notice of invitation to tender shall be published on 24 September 1993.

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, I-00185 Rome.

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

(1) OJ No 172, 30. 9. 1966, p. 3025/66.
(2) OJ No L 215, 30. 7. 1992, p. 1.
(3) OJ No L 331, 28. 11. 1978, p. 13.
(4) OJ No L 201, 31. 7. 1990, p. 5.
(5) OJ No L 348, 30. 12. 1977, p. 46.
(6) OJ No L 368, 31. 12. 1985, p. 20.
(7) OJ No L 108, 1. 5. 1993, p. 106.

Article 3

The tenders must reach AIMA at the central office, via Palestro 81, I-00185 Rome not later than 2 p.m. (local time) on 5 October 1993.

Tenders shall be admissible only if submitted by a natural or legal person who exercises an activity in the olive oil sector and is entered in that status as at 31 December 1992 in a public register of a Member State.

Furthermore, no tenderer may submit a tender for a quantity in excess of 500 tonnes.

Article 4

1. With regard to lampante virgin olive oil, tenders shall be submitted for an oil of 3° acidity.

2. Where the oil awarded has a different degree of acidity from that for which the tender was submitted, the price to be paid shall be equal to the price tendered, increased or reduced in accordance with the scale below:

— up to 3° acidity:
increase of 0,32 ECUS for each tenth of a degree of acidity below 3°

— above 3° up to 5° acidity:
reduction of 0,32 ECUS for each tenth of a degree of acidity above 3°

— above 5° acidity:
additional reduction of 0,35 ECUS for each tenth of a degree of acidity above 5°.

Article 5

Not later than three days after the expiry of the 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.

Article 6

The minimum selling price per 100 kilograms of oil shall be fixed, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 38 of Regulation No 136/66/EEC, on the basis of the tenders received, not later than the 10th working day after the expiry of each final date laid down for the submission of tenders. The decision fixing the minimum selling price shall be notified forthwith to the Member State concerned.

Article 7

The olive oil shall be sold by AIMA not later than the fifth working day after the date of notification of the decision referred to in Article 6.

AIMA shall supply the agencies responsible for storage with a list of the lots remaining unsold.

Article 8

The product shall be withdrawn not later than 15 November 1993.

The security referred to in Article 7 of Regulation (EEC) No 2960/77 shall be 18 ECUS per 100 kilograms.

Article 9

The storage charge referred to in Article 15 of Regulation (EEC) No 2960/77 shall be 3 ECUS per 100 kilograms.

Article 10

The operative event for the agricultural conversion rate applicable in the context of this invitation to tender shall be determined in accordance with the provisions of Article 10 of Regulation (EEC) No 1068/93.

Article 11

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, 20 September 1993.

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission