COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1618/95

of 4 July 1995

opening an invitation to tender for the sale for export of baled tobacco held by the Greek and Italian intervention agencies

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 727/70 of 21 April 1970 on the common organization of the market in raw tobacco (1), as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 860/92 (2), and in particular Article 7 (4) thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 3813/92 of 28 December 1992 on the value of the unit of account and the conversion rates to be applied for the purposes of the common agricultural policy (3), as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 150/95 (4) and in particular Article 6 (2) thereof,

Whereas Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3389/73 (5), as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 3477/93 (6), lays down the procedure and conditions for the sale of tobacco held by intervention agencies; whereas Article 5 (1) fixes the amount of the security applicable; whereas account should be taken of the trend since then as regards the market and export refunds;

Whereas, on account of the problems caused by the storage of baled tobacco, and in particular the cost of storage, an invitation to tender should be opened for the sale of the tobacco for export, without refund;

Whereas payment for all the lots is made before the tobacco is taken over; whereas it should be laid down that, at the request of the successful tenderer, the security is to be released progressively as the quantities of tobacco removed are exported;

Whereas experience has shown that a short time limit can be set and whereas there should therefore be a derogation from Article 3 of Regulation (EEC) No 3389/73 as regards the time limit of 45 days between the date of publication of the notice in the *Official Journal of the European Communities* and the date fixed for the submission of tenders, which should be reduced to 20 days;

Whereas, in view of the special features of the tobacco sector, the operative events for the conversion rates should be the payment of the purchase price in the case of successful tenders and the publication of the notice of invitation to tender in the case of securities; whereas, therefore, there should be a derogation from Articles 10 (1) and 12 (4) of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1068/93 (7), as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1053/95 (8) notwithstanding the advance fixing of the rate for the payment of the purchase price in accordance with Articles 13 to 17 of the said Regulation;

Whereas the time limits for the successful tenderer to take over and export the tobacco should be fixed, having regard in particular to the quantities involved, experience gained and the requirements of sound financial management;

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

31 lots of baled tobacco from the 1983, 1986, 1988 and 1990 until 1992 harvest, held by the Greek and Italian intervention agencies, with a total weight of about 13 265 tonnes, broken down as shown in the Annex hereto, shall be sold for export. The quantity on sale shall be specified in the notice of invitation to tender.

The Commission shall give notice of the sale of the lots in the notice of invitation to tender to be published in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*, C series.

Article 2

The sale shall take place in accordance with the tendering procedure laid down in Regulation (EEC) No 3389/73, subject to the provisions of this Regulation.

Article 3

The time limit for the submission of tenders at the headquarters of the Commission of the European Communities shall be indicated in the notice of invitation to tender.

Notwithstanding Article 3 of Regulation (EEC) No 3389/73, the notice of invitation to tender may be published in the *Official Journal of the European Communities* at least 20 days before the date fixed for the submission of tenders.

(1) OJ No L 94, 28. 4. 1970, p. 1.
(2) OJ No L 91, 7. 4. 1992, p. 1.
(3) OJ No L 387, 31. 12. 1992, p. 1.
(4) OJ No L 22, 31. 1. 1995, p. 1.
(5) OJ No L 345, 15. 12. 1973, p. 47.
(6) OJ No L 317, 18. 12. 1993, p. 30.
(7) OJ No L 108, 1. 5. 1993, p. 106.
(8) OJ No L 107, 12. 5. 1995, p. 4.

Article 4

The time limit referred to in Article 9 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 3389/73 for the successful tenderer to take over the entire quantity of tobacco shall be the end of the third month following the date of publication of the result of the tendering procedure in the *Official Journal of the European Communities.*

Article 5

1. The security referred to in Article 5 of Regulation (EEC) No 3389/73 must be lodged, for the tobacco stored in Greece, with and in the name of the Dieuthinsis Diachirisis Agoron Georgikon Proionton (DIDAGEP), Acharnon 241, GR-10438 Athens, and, for the tobacco stored in Italy, with and in the name of Azienda di Stato per gli interventi nel mercato agricolo, Ufficio Centrale per il tabacco (EIMA), via Farini 5, I-00185 Rome (Italy).

2. The Commission shall inform the relevant intervention agency forthwith of the result of the tendering procedure. The agency shall immediately release the securities of tenderers whose tenders were inadmissible or who were unsuccessful.

Save as otherwise provided in the second subparagraph of Article 7 of Regulation (EEC) No 3389/73, the securities of the successful tenderer or tenderers shall be released once the conditions laid down in Article 7 (c) of that Regulation have been fulfilled.

3. On application by the person concerned, the security shall be released by instalments in proportion to the quantities of tobacco in respect of which the proof referred to in Article 7 of the said Regulation has been furnished.

Article 6

Notwithstanding Article 4 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 3389/73, the price per kilogram of tobacco tendered must be expressed in ecus per kilogram.

Notwithstanding the first sentence of Article 5 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 3389/73, the amount of the security shall be ECU 0,85 per kilogram of baled tobacco.

Article 7

Notwithstanding Articles 10 (1) and 12 (4) of Regulation (EEC) No 1068/93, the operative event for the agricultural conversion rate applied shall be :

— for the payment for successful tenders : payment of the purchase price,

— for the amount of the security : the publication of the notice of invitation to tender in the *Official Journal of the European Communities.*

Take-over may be staggered.

Article 8

Notwithstanding Article 10a (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 3389/73, the customs export declaration must have been accepted within 12 months of the time limit fixed in Article 4.

Article 9

This Regulation shall enter into force on the seventh 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, 4 July 1995.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

ANNEX

Lot No	Variety	Harvest	Stored at intervention agency	Weight (kg)
1	Basmas	1983 1986 1991	Didagep	11 396 191 511 226 074
2	Basmas	1990	Didagep	525 944
3	Basmas	1991	Didagep	461 708
4	Basmas	1991	Didagep	461 681
5	Basmas	1991	Didagep	441 692
6	Basmas	1991 1992	Didagep	34 590 380 938
7	Basmas	1992	Didagep	596 926
8	Basmas	1992	Didagep	596 927
9	Basmas	1992	Didagep	689 129
10	Basmas	1992	Didagep	350 209
11	Katerini	1991	Didagep	307 096
12	Katerini	1992	Didagep	327 462
13	Katerini	1990 1992	Didagep	261 117 44 764
14	Kaba Koulak Classic	1991 1992	Didagep	238 241 363 218
15	Elassona	1991	Didagep	404 620
16	Elassona	1992	Didagep	451 785
17	Kaba Koulak non Classic Myrodata d'Agrinion Zichnomyrodata	1991 1992 1991 1992 1991	Didagep	53 663 72 065 75 512 69 297 22 977
18	Mavra	1991	Didagep	249 305
19	Virginia EL	1988 1992	Didagep	1 139 203 874
20	Bright	1992	EIMA	478 345
21	Bright	1992	EIMA	724 787
22	Bright	1992	EIMA	454 287
23	Bright	1992	EIMA	454 088
24	Bright	1992	EIMA	706 684

Lot No	Variety	Harvest	Stored at intervention agency	Weight (kg)
25	Bright	1992	EIMA	452 020
26	Bright	1991	EIMA	463 100
27	Kentucky	1990 1991	EIMA	91 676 313 436
28	Forchheimer Havanna Badischer Burley E	1991 1990	EIMA	158 354 86 740
29	Xanthi-Yakà Erzegovina	1992 1991	EIMA	116 788 20 668
30	Katerini	1991 1992	EIMA	121 398 78 306
31	Mavra Tsebelia	1991 1991 1992	EIMA	38 532 339 791 50 985