COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 668/96

of 12 April 1996

on the opening of a standing invitation to tender for 65 000 tonnes of durum wheat held by the Italian intervention agency

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92 of 30 June 1992 on the common organization of the market in cereals [1], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1863/95 [2], and in particular Article 5 thereof,

Whereas Italy has a large quantity of durum wheat bought into intervention during the 1991/92 marketing year; whereas, on account of the long period in storage, the quality of the cereals in question has deteriorated; whereas, to prevent further deterioration, provision should be made for the product in question to be put up for sale without delay; whereas, therefore, the minimum selling price should be determined in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 23 of Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92, in connection with resale by tender, by way of derogation from Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2131/93 of 28 July 1993 laying down the procedure and conditions for the sale of cereals held by intervention agencies [3], as amended by Regulation (EC) No 120/94 [4];

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. The Italian intervention agency shall issue a standing invitation to tender, in accordance with the conditions laid down hereafter, for 65 000 tonnes of durum wheat it holds.

2. The regions in which the 65 000 tonnes of durum wheat are stored are set out in Annex I.

Article 2

1. Article 5 of Regulation (EEC) No 2131/93 shall not apply.

2. After expiry of each time limit specified for the submission of tenders, Italy shall submit to the Commission an anonymous list showing for each tender the quantity, price and the increase or reductions applicable.

3. The Commission, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 23 of Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92, shall fix the minimum selling price or decide not to accept any of the tenders submitted.

The minimum selling price shall be fixed at a level which does not disturb the Italian market.

Article 3

1. The time limit for the submission of tenders in response to the first partial invitation to tender shall expire at 9 a.m. (Brussels time) on 25 April 1996.

2. The time limit for the submission of tenders in response to the following partial invitations to tender shall expire at 9 a.m. (Brussels time) each Thursday, with the exception of 9 May and 16 May 1996.

3. The time limit for the submission of tenders in response to the final partial invitation to tender shall expire at 9 a.m. (Brussels time) on 23 May 1996.

4. Tenders must be submitted to the Italian intervention agency at the following address:

Ente per gli interventi nel mercato (EIMA)
Via Palestro 81,
I-00100 Roma
(tel: 49 49 91; telex: 62 03 31)

Article 4

Not later than two hours after the expiry of the time limit for the submission of tenders, the Italian intervention agency shall notify the Commission of tenders received. Such notifications shall be sent to the telex or fax numbers set out in Annex III, using the model set out in Annex II.

Article 5

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities.*

[1] OJ No L 181, 1. 7. 1992, p. 21.
[2] OJ No L 179, 29. 7. 1995, p. 1.
[3] OJ No L 191, 31. 7. 1993, p. 76.
[4] OJ No L 21, 26. 1. 1994, p. 1.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 12 April 1996.

For the Commission
Franz FISCHLER
Member of the Commission

ANNEX I

(tonnes)

Place of storage	Quantity
Verona	1 943,741
Grosseto	217,790
Livorno	2 207,088
Ancona	18,250
Macerata	314,090
Campobasso	6 962,480
Matera	14 307,722
Potenza	5 586,137
Bari	14 935,664
Brindisi	4 776,128
Caltanissetta	1 713,971
Palermo	498,941
Siracusa	10 319,342
Total	63 872,344

ANNEX II

Standing invitation to tender for the resale of 65 000 tonnes of durum wheat held by the Italian intervention agency

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1	2	3	4	5
Tender No	Consignment No	Quantity (tonnes)	Offer price (ECU/tonne)	Price increases (+) or reductions (−) (ECU/tonne)
1				
2				
3				
etc.				

ANNEX III

The only numbers to use to call Brussels are (DG VI-C-1)

— telex: 22037 AGREC B,
22070 AGREC B (Greek characters);

— fax: 295 01 32
295 25 15
296 10 97.