COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 343/98

of 12 February 1998

fixing the maximum export refund on common wheat in connection with the invitation to tender issued in Regulation (EC) No 1883/97

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 923/96 [2],

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1501/95 of 29 June 1995 laying down certain detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92 on the granting of export refunds on cereals and the measures to be taken in the event of disturbance on the market for cereals [3], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2052/97 [4], and in particular Article 7 thereof,

Whereas an invitation to tender for the refund and/or the tax for the export of common wheat to Ceuta, Melilla and certain ACP States was opened pursuant to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1883/97 [5], as amended by Regulation (EC) No 2545/97 [6];

Whereas Article 7 of Regulation (EC) No 1501/95 provides that the Commission may, on the basis of the tenders notified, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 23 of Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92, decide to fix a maximum export refund taking account of the criteria referred to in Article 1 of Regulation (EC) No 1501/95; whereas in that case a contract is awarded to any tenderer whose bid is equal to or lower than the maximum refund, as well as to any tenderer whose bid relates to an export tax;

Whereas the application of the abovementioned criteria to the current market situation for the cereal in question results in the maximum export refund being fixed at the amount specified in Article 1;

Whereas the Management Committee for Cereals has not delivered an opinion within the time limit set by its chairman,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

For tenders notified from 6 to 12 February 1998, pursuant to the invitation to tender issued in Regulation (EC) No 1883/97, the maximum refund on exportation of common wheat shall be ECU 24,00 per tonne.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 13 February 1998.

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

Done at Brussels, 12 February 1998.

For the Commission
Franz FISCHLER
Member of the Commission

[1] OJ L 181, 1. 7. 1992, p. 21.
[2] OJ L 126, 24. 5. 1996, p. 37.
[3] OJ L 147, 30. 6. 1995, p. 7.
[4] OJ L 287, 21. 10. 1997, p. 14.
[5] OJ L 265, 27. 9. 1997, p. 69.
[6] OJ L 347, 18. 12. 1997, p. 33.