COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 531/98

of 6 March 1998

concerning tenders submitted in response to the invitation to tender for the export to certain third countries of wholly milled medium grain and long grain A rice issued in Regulation (EC) No 2096/97

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 of 22 December 1995 on the common organisation of the market in rice [1], as amended by Regulation (EC) No 192/98 [2], and in particular Article 13 (3) thereof,

Whereas an invitation to tender for the export refund on rice was issued under Commission Regulation (EC) No 2096/97 [3];

Whereas Article 5 of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 584/75 [4], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 299/95 [5], allows the Commission to decide, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 22 of Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 and on the basis of the tenders submitted, to make no award;

Whereas on the basis of the criteria laid down in Article 13 of Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 a maximum refund should not be fixed;

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

No action shall be taken on the tenders submitted from 2 to 5 March 1998 in response to the invitation to tender for the export refund on wholly milled medium grain and long grain A rice to certain third countries issued in Regulation (EC) No 2096/97.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 7 March 1998.

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

Done at Brussels, 6 March 1998.

For the Commission
Franz FISCHLER
Member of the Commission

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[1] OJ L 329, 30. 12. 1995, p. 18.
[2] OJ L 20, 27. 1. 1998, p. 16.
[3] OJ L 292, 25. 10. 1997, p. 19.
[4] OJ L 61, 7. 3. 1975, p. 25.
[5] OJ L 35, 15. 2. 1995, p. 8.