COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 978/98

of 8 May 1998

fixing the maximum buying-in price and the quantities of beef to be bought in under the 202nd partial invitation to tender as a general intervention measure pursuant to Regulation (EEC) No 1627/89

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 805/68 of 27 June 1968 on the common organisation of the market in beef and veal [1], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2634/97 [2], and in particular Article 6(7) thereof,

Whereas, pursuant to Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2456/93 of 1 September 1993 laying down detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EEC) No 805/68 as regards the general and special intervention measures for beef [3], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2602/97 [4], an invitation to tender was opened pursuant to Article 1(1) of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1627/89 of 9 June 1989 on the buying in of beef by invitation to tender [5], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 896/98 [6];

Whereas, in accordance with Article 13(1) of Regulation (EEC) No 2456/93, a maximum buying-in price is to be fixed for quality R3, where appropriate, under each partial invitation to tender in the light of tenders received; whereas, in accordance with Article 13(2) of that Regulation, a decision may be taken not to proceed with the tendering procedure; whereas, in accordance with Article 14 of that Regulation, only tenders quoting prices not exceeding the maximum buying-in price and not exceeding the average national or regional market price, plus the amount referred to in paragraph 1 of that Article, are to be accepted;

Whereas, once tenders submitted in respect of the 202nd partial invitation to tender have been considered and taking account, pursuant to Article 6(1) of Regulation (EEC) No 805/68, of the requirements for reasonable support of the market and the seasonal trend in slaughterings and prices, it has been decided not to proceed with the tendering procedure for category A and to fix the maximum buying-in price and the quantities which may be accepted into intervention for category C;

Whereas the quantities offered at present exceed the quantities which may be bought in; whereas a reducing coefficient or, where appropriate, depending on the differences in prices and the quantities tendered for, several reducing coefficients should accordingly be applied to the quantities which may be bought in in accordance with Article 13(3) of Regulation (EEC) No 2456/93;

Whereas the scale of the quantities awarded warrants the application of the possibility provided for in Article 16(2) of Regulation (EEC) No 2456/93 of extending the period during which the intervention products are to be delivered;

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Under the 202nd partial invitation to tender opened pursuant to Regulation (EEC) No 1627/89:

(a) for category A, it has been decided not to proceed with the tendering procedure;

(b) for category C:

— the maximum buying-in price shall be ECU 249 per 100 kg of carcases or half-carcases of quality R3,

— the maximum quantity of carcases and half-carcases accepted shall be 978 tonnes,

— the quantities offered at a price less than or equal to ECU 249 shall be multiplied by a coefficient of 10 %, in accordance with Article 13(3) of Regulation (EEC) No 2456/93.

Article 2

The first sentence of Article 16(2) of Regulation (EEC) No 2456/93 notwithstanding, the time limit for delivery to intervention stores is extended by one week.

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on 11 May 1998.

[1] OJ L 148, 28. 6. 1968, p. 24.
[2] OJ L 356, 31. 12. 1997, p. 13.
[3] OJ L 225, 4. 9. 1993, p. 4.
[4] OJ L 351, 23. 12. 1997, p. 20.
[5] OJ L 159, 10. 6. 1989, p. 36.
[6] OJ L 126, 28. 4. 1998, p. 20.

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

Done at Brussels, 8 May 1998.

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission