COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 539/1999

of 11 March 1999

fixing the maximum reduction in the duty on maize imported in connection with the invitation to tender issued in Regulation (EC) No 2850/98

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 organisation of the market in cereals [1], as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 923/96 [2], and in particular Article 12(1) thereof,

Whereas an invitation to tender for the maximum reduction in the duty on maize imported into Portugal was opened pursuant to Commission Regulation (EC) No 2850/98 [3];

Whereas, pursuant to Article 5 of Commission Regulation (EC) No 1839/95 [4], as amended by Regulation (EC) No 1963/95 [5], the Commission, acting under the procedure laid down in Article 23 of Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92, may decide to fix maximum reduction in the import duty; whereas in fixing this maximum the criteria provided for in Articles 6 and 7 of Regulation (EC) No 1839/95 must be taken into account; whereas a contract is awarded to any tenderer whose tender is equal to or less than the maximum reduction in the duty;

Whereas the application of the abovementioned criteria to the current market situation for the cereal in question results in the maximum reduction in the import duty 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 5 to 11 March 1999, pursuant to the invitation to tender issued in Regulation (EC) No 2850/98, the maximum reduction in the duty on maize imported shall be EUR 63,98/t and be valid for a total maximum quantity of 69 000 t.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 12 March 1999.

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

Done at Brussels, 11 March 1999.

For the Commission
Franz FISCHLER
Member of the Commission

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[1] OJ L 181, 1. 7. 1992, p. 21.
[2] OJ L 126, 24. 5. 1996, p. 37.
[3] OJ L 358, 31. 12. 1998, p. 44.
[4] OJ L 177, 28. 7. 1995, p. 4.
[5] OJ L 189, 10. 8. 1995, p. 22.