COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 575/1999

of 17 March 1999

on the issuing of a standing invitation to tender for the resale on the internal market of 200 000 tonnes of maize held by the French 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 organisation of the market in cereals [1], as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 923/96 [2], and in particular Article 5 thereof,

Whereas Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2131/93 [3], as amended by Regulation (EC) No 39/1999 [4], lays down the procedure and conditions for the disposal of cereals held by the intervention agencies;

Whereas, in the present market situation, a standing invitation to tender for the resale on the internal market of 200 000 tonnes of maize held by the French intervention agency should be issued;

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

The French intervention agency shall issue pursuant to Regulation (EEC) No 2131/93 a standing invitation to tender for the resale on the internal market of 200 000 tonnes of maize held by it.

Article 2

1. The final date for the submission of tenders for the first partial invitation to tender shall be 24 March 1999.

2. The final date for the submission of tenders for the last partial invitation to tender shall expire on 28 April 1999.

3. Tenders must be lodged with the French intervention agency at the following address:

Office national interprofessionnel des céréales,
21, avenue Bosquet,
F-75341 Paris Cedex 07,
(Telex: OFICE 20 04 90F/OFIDM 20 36 62F; Telefax: 47 05 61 32).

Article 3

Not later than Tuesday of the week following the final date for the submission of tenders, the French intervention agency shall notify the Commission of the quantities and average prices of the various lots sold.

Article 4

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

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

Done at Brussels, 17 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 191, 31. 7. 1993, p. 76.
[4] OJ L 5, 9. 1. 1999, p. 64.