COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 406/2000

of 23 February 2000

amending Regulation (EC) No 2079/1999 opening a standing invitation to tender for the export of rye held by the German 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 Regulation (EC) No 1253/1999 [2], and in particular Article 5 thereof,

Whereas:

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

(2) Commission Regulation (EC) No 2079/1999 [5], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 159/2000 [6], opens a standing invitation to tender for the export to all third countries of rye held by the German intervention agency.

(3) The increasingly closer links between the European Union and certain central and eastern European countries and the current situation on the rye market in those countries mean that Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria and Slovenia should be ruled out as destinations under the invitation to tender for the export of rye held by the German intervention agency.

(4) Regulation (EC) No 2079/1999 must be amended accordingly.

(5) The Management Committee for Cereals has not delivered an opinion within the time limit set by its chairman,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Article 2(1) of Regulation (EC) No 2079/1999 is replaced by the following:

'1. The invitation to tender shall cover a maximum of 1 700 029 tonnes of rye for export to all third countries except Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, the Czech Republic, the Slovak Republic, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria and Slovenia.'.

Article 2

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, 23 February 2000.

For the Commission

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[1] OJ L 181, 1.7.1992, p. 21.
[2] OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 18.
[3] OJ L 191, 31.7.1993, p. 76.
[4] OJ L 5, 9.1.1999, p. 64.
[5] OJ L 256, 1.10.1999, p. 39.
[6] OJ L 19, 25.1.2000, p. 17.