COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 506/2000

of 8 March 2000

amending Regulation (EC) No 1758/1999 opening an invitation to tender for the refund or the tax for the export of rye to all third countries

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]),

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1501/95 of 29 June 1995 laying down certain detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92 on the granting of export refunds on cereals and the measures to be taken in the event of disturbance on the market for cereals ([3]), as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2513/98 ([4]), and in particular Article 4 thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Commission Regulation (EC) No 1758/1999 ([5]) opens an invitation to tender for the export of rye to all third countries.

(2) 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. The export refunds awarded for rye are valid for all third countries. In order to avoid undesirable exports to markets in those countries, those destinations should not qualify for the refunds granted under the invitation to tender for the export of rye opened by Regulation (EC) No 1758/1999.

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Regulation (EC) No 1758/1999 is hereby amended as follows:

1. The title is replaced by the following:

   'opening an invitation to tender for the refund or the tax for the export of rye to all third countries except Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, the Czech Republic, the Slovak Republic, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria and Slovenia'.

2. Article 1(2) is replaced by the following:

   '2. The invitation to tender shall cover rye for export to all third countries except Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, the Czech Republic, the Slovak Republic, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria and Slovenia'.

3. The title of Annex I is replaced by the following:

   'Weekly tender for the refund or the tax for the export of rye 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 following 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, 8 March 2000.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

([1]) OJ L 181, 1.7.1992, p. 21.
([2]) OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 18.
([3]) OJ L 147, 30.6.1995, p. 7.
([4]) OJ L 313, 21.11.1998, p. 16.
([5]) OJ L 210, 10.8.1999, p. 3.