COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 528/2000

of 10 March 2000

opening an invitation to tender for the resale on the internal market of approximately 14 000 tonnes of rice held by the Greek intervention agency

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 of 22 December 1995 on the common organisation of the market in rice [1], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2072/98 [2], and in particular the last indent of Article 8(b) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Approximately 14 000 tonnes of paddy rice held by the Greek intervention agency should be put back on the Community market for sale in accordance with Commission Regulation (EEC) No 75/91 of 11 January 1991 laying down the procedures and conditions for the disposal of paddy rice held by intervention agencies [3].

(2) As a result of the product's deterioration after a long period of storage a minimum selling price should be determined for each lot put up for sale taking account of its specific characteristics, in accordance with Article 2(3)(d) of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3597/90 of 12 December 1990 on the accounting rules for intervention measures involving the buying-in, storage and sale of agricultural products by intervention agencies [4], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1392/97 [5].

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The Greek intervention agency shall open, under the conditions laid down in Regulation (EEC) No 75/91, an invitation to tender for the resale on the internal market of approximately 14 000 tonnes of rice held by that agency.

Article 2

By derogation from Article 3(2) of Regulation (EEC) No 75/91 tenders must relate to an entire lot.

Article 3

1. The closing date for the initial submission of tenders shall be 21 March 2000; for the final submission of tenders it shall be 4 April 2000.

2. Tenders must be lodged with the Greek intervention agency at the following address:

DIDAGEP
Directorate General for the Administration of Purchases of Agricultural Produce
Acharnon Street 241
GR-10466 Athens
Tel. (30-1) 865 99 41 and 867 31 49
Fax (30-1) 862 93 73

Article 4

The following minimum selling prices shall be respected:

— Lot No 1 EUR 185/t
  — Store: Krokio Volos No 514 (559,640 t)

— Lot No 2 EUR 195/t
  — Store: Krokio Volos No 504 (1 815,650 t)
  — Store: Krokio Volos No 511 (1 313,280 t)

— Lot No 3 EUR 206/t
  — Store: Miloi Giannitsa No 4 (1 615,100 t)
  — Store: Miloi Giannitsa No 5 (1 574,520 t)

— Lot No 4 EUR 214/t
  — Store: Miloi Giannitsa No 2 (1 615,100 t)

— Lot No 5 EUR 224/t
  — Store: Miloi Giannitsa No 1 (1 609,690 t)
  — Store: Miloi Giannitsa No 3 (1 606,980 t)

— Lot No 6 EUR 242/t
  — Store: Miloi Giannitsa No 8 (810,218 t)
  — Store: Miloi Giannitsa No 9 (1 094,480 t)

Article 5

By Tuesday of the week following the closing date for the submission of tenders, the Greek intervention agency shall notify the Commission of the quantities and prices of the various lots sold.

Article 6

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

[1] OJ L 329, 30.12.1995, p. 18.
[2] OJ L 265, 30.9.1998, p. 4.
[3] OJ L 9, 12.1.1991, p. 15.
[4] OJ L 350, 14.12.1990, p. 43.
[5] OJ L 190, 19.7.1997, p. 22.

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

Done at Brussels, 10 March 2000.

For the Commission
Franz FISCHLER
Member of the Commission