COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 176/2001

of 26 January 2001

fixing the maximum buying-in price and the quantities of beef to be bought in under the 260th partial invitation to tender as a general intervention measure pursuant to Regulation (EEC) No 1627/89

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1254/1999 of 17 May 1999 on the common organisation of the market in beef and veal [1], and in particular Article 17(8) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Commission Regulation (EC) No 562/2000 of 15 March 2000 laying down detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EC) No 1254/1999 as regards the buying-in of beef [2], as amended by Regulation (EC) No 2734/2000 [3], lays down buying standards. Pursuant to the above Regulation, an invitation to tender was opened under Article 1(1) of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1627/89 of 9 June 1989 on the buying-in of beef by invitation to tender [4], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 121/2001 [5].

(2) Article 13(1) of Regulation (EC) No 562/2000 lays down that a maximum buying-in price is to be fixed for quality R3, where appropriate, under each partial invitation to tender in the light of tenders received while Article 13(2) of that Regulation states that a decision may be taken to make no award. In accordance with Article 36 of that Regulation, only tenders quoting prices not exceeding the maximum buying-in price and not exceeding the average national or regional market price, plus the amount referred to in Article 6(2) of Regulation (EC) No 2734/2000 are to be accepted.

(3) Once tenders submitted in respect of the 260th partial invitation to tender have been considered pursuant to Article 47(8) of Regulation (EC) No 1254/1999, and taking account of the requirements for reasonable support of the market and the seasonal trend in slaughterings and prices, the maximum buying-in price and the quantities which may be bought in should be fixed for category A and no award made for category C.

(4) As the quantities offered at present exceed the quantities which may be bought in, a reducing coefficient should therefore be applied in accordance with Article 13(3) of Regulation (EC) No 562/2000.

(5) Article 7 of Regulation (EC) No 2734/2000 also opens buying-in of carcases and half-carcases of store cattle and lays down special rules in addition to those laid down for the buying-in of other products.

(6) In view of the scale of the quantities awarded, the application of the possibility provided for in Article 16(2) of Regulation (EC) No 562/2000 of extending the period during which the interventon products are to be delivered is warranted.

(7) In the light of developments, this Regulation should enter into force immediately.

(8) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Beef and Veal,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Under the 260th partial invitation to tender opened pursuant to Regulation (EEC) No 1627/89:

(a) for category A:

— the maximum buying-in price shall be EUR 241,00/100 kg of carcases or half-carcases of quality R3,

— the maximum quantity of carcases and half-carcases accepted shall be 18 491 t,

— the quantities offered at a price of EUR 227,00 or more shall be multiplied by a coefficient of 50 % in accordance with Article 13(3) of Regulation (EC) No 562/2000;

(b) for category C no award shall be made;

(c) for carcases and half-carcases of store cattle as referred to in Article 7 of Regulation (EC) No 2734/2000:

— the maximum buying-in price shall be EUR 382,00/100 kg of carcases or half-carcases,

— the maximum quantity of carcases and half-carcases shall be 193 t.

Article 2

The first sentence of Article 16(2) of Regulation (EC) No 562/2000 notwithstanding, the time limit for delivery to intervention stores is extended to 24 calendar days.

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on 28 January 2001.

[1] OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 21.
[2] OJ L 68, 16.3.2000, p. 22.
[3] OJ L 316, 15.12.2000, p. 45, Regulation as amended by Regulation (EC) No 3/2001 (OJ L 1, 4.1.2000, p. 6).
[4] OJ L 159, 10.6.1989, p. 36.
[5] OJ L 19, 20.1.2001, p. 24.

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

Done at Brussels, 26 January 2001.

For the Commission
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