COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 323/2001

of 16 February 2001

amending Regulation (EC) No 2869/2000 and increasing to 750 000 tonnes the amount of common wheat from the 1999 harvest held by the French intervention agency for which a standing invitation to tender for resale on the internal market has been opened

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 1666/2000 [2], and in particular Article 5 thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2131/93 [3], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1630/2000 [4], lays down the procedure and conditions for the disposal of cereals held by the intervention agencies.

(2) Commission Regulation (EC) No 2869/2000 [5], as amended by Regulation (EC) No 109/2001 [6], opened a standing invitation to tender for the resale on the internal market of 500 000 tonnes of common wheat from the 1999 harvest held by the French intervention agency.

(3) In the present situation on the market the quantities of common wheat from the 1999 harvest held by the French intervention agency put up for sale on the internal market of the Community should be increased to 750 000 tonnes.

(4) 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 2869/2000 is amended as follows:

1. In Article 1 'of 500 000 tonnes' is replaced by 'of 750 000 tonnes'.

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

'2. The final date for the submission of tenders for the last partial invitation to tender shall expire on 24 April 2001.'

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, 16 February 2001.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

[1] OJ L 181, 1.7.1992, p. 21.
[2] OJ L 193, 29.7.2000, p. 1.
[3] OJ L 191, 31.7.1993, p. 76.
[4] OJ L 187, 26.7.2000, p. 24.
[5] OJ L 333, 29.12.2000, p. 19.
[6] OJ L 19, 20.1.2001, p. 8.