COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 325/2001

of 16 February 2001

fixing the maximum buying-in price and the quantities of beef to be bought in under the 261st partial invitation to tender as a general intervention measure pursuant to Regulations (EEC) No 1627/89 and (EC) No 284/2001

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 285/2001 [5], and Article 1 of Commission Regulation (EC) No 284/2001 of 9 February 2001 opening intervention in accordance with Article 47(5) of Regulation (EC) No 1254/1999 [6].

(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 261st 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 the light of developments, this Regulation should enter into force immediately.

(7) 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 261st partial invitation to tender opened pursuant to Regulations (EEC) No 1627/89 and (EC) No 284/2001:

(a) for category A:

(i) in the Member States or regions thereof meeting the conditions laid down in Article 47(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1254/1999:

— the maximum buying-in price shall be EUR 227,00/100 kg of carcases or half-carcases of quality R3,

— the maximum quantity of carcases and half-carcases accepted shall be 30 129 t,

— the quantities offered at a price of EUR 223,75 or more shall be multiplied by a coefficient of 40 % in accordance with Article 13(3) of Regulation (EC) No 562/2000;

[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 283/2001 (OJ L 41, 10.2.2001, p. 22).
[4] OJ L 159, 10.6.1989, p. 36.
[5] OJ L 41, 10.2.2001, p. 26.
[6] OJ L 41, 10.2.2001, p. 24.

(ii) in the Member States or regions thereof meeting the conditions laid down in Article 47(5) of Regulation (EC) No 1254/1999:

— the maximum buying-in price shall be EUR 179/100 kg of carcases or half-carcases of quality R3,

— the maximum quantity of carcases and half-carcases accepted shall be 2 700 tonnes;

(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 381,50/100 kg of carcases or half-carcases,

— the maximum quantity of carcases and half-carcases shall be 998 t.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 17 February 2001.

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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