COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 573/2001

of 23 March 2001

amending Regulation (EC) No 169/2001 and increasing the quantity covered by the standing invitation to tender for the resale on the internal market of rice held by the Italian intervention agency to 50 000 tonnes

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 1667/2000 [2], and in particular the final indent of Article 8(b) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Commission Regulation (EEC) No 75/91 [3] lays down the procedures and conditions for the disposal of paddy rice held by intervention agencies.

(2) Commission Regulation (EC) No 169/2001 [4] opened a standing invitation to tender for the resale on the internal market of some 20 000 tonnes of rice held by the Italian intervention agency.

(3) In view of the current market situation, the quantity of rice placed on sale on the internal market should be increased to include 30 000 tonnes of paddy rice held by the Italian intervention agency, made up of 20 000 tonnes of Japonica rice and 10 000 tonnes of Indica rice.

(4) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Cereals,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

In Article 1 of Regulation (EC) No 169/2001, the words 'some 20 000 tonnes of rice held by that agency, in accordance with Regulation (EEC) No 75/91' are replaced by '50 000 tonnes of paddy rice, comprising 40 000 tonnes of Japonica rice and 10 000 tonnes of Indica rice'.

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, 23 March 2001.

For the Commission

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[1] OJ L 329, 30.12.1995, p. 18.
[2] OJ L 193, 29.7.2000, p. 23.
[3] OJ L 9, 12.1.1991, p. 9.
[4] OJ L 26, 27.1.2001, p. 17.