COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 781/2001

of 20 April 2001

amending Regulation (EC) No 572/2001 and increasing to 20 000 tonnes the standing invitation to tender for the resale on the internal market of rice held by the French 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 1667/2000 [2], and in particular the last 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 572/2001 [4] opens a standing invitation to tender for the resale on the internal market of 10 000 tonnes of rice held by the French intervention agency.

(3) Given the current market situation the quantity put up for sale on the internal market should be increased by some 10 000 tonnes of *Japonica* paddy rice held by the French intervention agency.

(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 572/2001, the phrase '10 000 tonnes of *Japonica* paddy rice held by that agency' is replaced by '20 000 tonnes of *Japonica* paddy rice held by that agency'.

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, 20 April 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. 3.
[3] OJ L 9, 12.1.1991, p. 15.
[4] OJ L 85, 24.3.2001, p. 3.