COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 864/2001

of 2 May 2001

opening an invitation to tender for the resale on the internal market of approximately 1 022 tonnes of rice held by the Italian 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 final indent of Article 8(b) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Approximately 1 022 tonnes of paddy rice held by the Italian intervention agency should be placed on sale on the Community market. The sale should be carried out in accordance with Commission Regulation (EEC) No 75/91 of 11 January 1991 laying down the procedures and conditions for the disposal of paddy rice held by intervention agencies [3].

(2) As a result of the product's deterioration due to natural disasters, a minimum selling price should be determined for each lot put up for sale, taking account of its specific characteristics, in accordance with Article 2(3)(b) of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3597/90 of 12 December 1990 on the accounting rules for intervention measures involving the buying in, storage and sale of agricultural products by intervention agencies [4], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1392/97 [5]. However, in view of the deterioration in Lot No 4, no minimum price should be fixed for that lot and it should be awarded to the highest bidder.

(3) 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

The Italian intervention agency shall open, on the conditions laid down in Regulation (EEC) No 75/91, an invitation to tender for the resale on the internal market of approximately 1 022 tonnes of rice held by that agency.

Article 2

Notwithstanding Article 3(2) of Regulation (EEC) No 75/91, tenders must relate to an entire lot.

Article 3

1. The closing date for the initial submission of tenders shall be 16 May 2001; for the final submission of tenders it shall be 13 June 2001.

2. Tenders must be submitted to the Italian intervention agency:

Ente nazional risi
Piazza Pio XI 1
I-20123 Milano

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Fax (02) 86 13 72.

[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 350, 14.12.1990, p. 43.
[5] OJ L 190, 19.7.1997, p. 22.

3. The products are stored in the following warehouses:

Corso Dante, 24 — Balzola (AL)

Via Roma, 128 — Casalvolone (NO).

Article 4

The following minimum selling prices shall be respected:

— Lot No 1: Store Casalvolone: No 9	Price EUR 186/t	237,77 tonnes
— Lot No 2: Store Casalvolone: No 14 Store Balzola: Nos 44, 86	Price EUR 212/t	329,48 tonnes
— Lot No 3: Store Casalvolone: No 7	Price EUR 243/t	99,48 tonnes
— Lot No 4: Store Balzola: Nos 64, 74, 52.	to the highest bidder	355,28 tonnes

Article 5

By Tuesday of the week following the closing date for the submission of tenders, the Italian intervention agency shall notify the Commission of the quantities and prices of the lots sold.

Article 6

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third 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, 2 May 2001.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission