COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 609/2002

of 9 April 2002

amending Regulation (EC) No 395/2002 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 approximately 25 000 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 Commission Regulation (EC) No 411/2002 [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 395/2002 [4] opens a standing invitation to tender for the resale on the internal market of approximately 20 000 tonnes of round-grain paddy 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 5 000 tonnes of long-grain paddy rice B held by the Italian intervention agency.

(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

In Article 1 of Regulation (EC) No 395/2002, the words 'some 20 000 tonnes of round-grain paddy rice held by that agency' are replaced by 'approximately 25 000 tonnes of paddy rice held by that agency, made up of approximately 20 000 tonnes of round-grain paddy rice and approximately 5 000 tonnes of long-grain paddy rice B.'

Article 2

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, 9 April 2002.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

[1] OJ L 329, 30.12.1995, p. 18.
[2] OJ L 62, 5.3.2002, p. 27.
[3] OJ L 9, 12.1.1991, p. 15.
[4] OJ L 61, 2.3.2002, p. 3.