COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1341/2004

of 22 July 2004

opening an invitation to tender for the reduction in the duty on maize imported into Spain from third countries

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1784/2003 of 29 September 2003 on the common organisation of the market in cereals [1], and in particular Article 12(1) thereof,

Whereas

(1) Pursuant to the Agreement on Agriculture [2] concluded during the Uruguay Round of multilateral trade negotiations, the Community has undertaken to import a certain quantity of maize into Spain.

(2) Commission Regulation (EC) No 1839/95 of 26 July 1995 laying down detailed rules for the application of tariff quotas for imports of maize and sorghum into Spain and imports of maize into Portugal [3], lays down the special additional detailed rules necessary for implementing the invitation to tender.

(3) Account being taken of the current situation of maize imports into Spain from third countries and the present market requirements in Spain, a call for tender should be opened for the reduction of the maize import duty.

(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

1. An invitation to tender is hereby opened for the reduction in the import duty referred to in Article 10(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1784/2003 on maize to be imported into Spain.

2. Regulation (EC) No 1839/95 shall apply save as otherwise provided for in this Regulation.

Article 2

The invitation to tender shall be open until 9 September 2004. During that period, weekly invitations shall be issued with quantities and closing dates as shown in the notice of invitation to tender.

Article 3

Import licences issued under these invitations to tender shall be valid 50 days from the date they are issued within the meaning of Article 10(4) of Regulation (EC) No 1839/95.

Article 4

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 22 July 2004.

For the Commission
Franz FISCHLER
Member of the Commission

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[1] OJ L 270, 21.10.2003, p. 78.
[2] OJ L 336, 23.12.1994, p. 22.
[3] OJ L 177, 28.7.1995, p. 4. Regulation last amended by Regulation (EC) No 777/2004 (OJ L 123, 27.4.2004, p. 50).