COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 44/2004

of 9 January 2004

concerning tenders submitted in response to the invitation to tender for the export of husked long grain B rice to the island of Réunion referred to in Regulation (EC) No 1878/2003

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 Article 10(1) thereof,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2692/89 of 6 September 1989 laying down detailed rules for exports of rice to Réunion ([3]), as amended by Regulation (EC) No 1453/1999 ([4]), and in particular Article 9(1) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Commission Regulation (EC) No 1878/2003 ([5]) opens an invitation to tender for the subsidy on rice exported to Réunion.

(2) Article 9 of Regulation (EEC) No 2692/89 allows the Commission to decide, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 22 of Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 and on the basis of the tenders submitted, to make no award.

(3) On the basis of the criteria laid down in Articles 2 and 3 of Regulation (EEC) No 2692/89, a maximum subsidy should not be fixed.

(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

No action shall be taken on the tenders submitted from 5 to 8 January 2004 in response to the invitation to tender referred to in Regulation (EC) No 1878/2003 for the subsidy on exports to Réunion of husked long grain B rice falling within CN code 1006 20 98.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 10 January 2004.

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

Done at Brussels, 9 January 2004.

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 261, 7.9.1989, p. 8.
([4]) OJ L 167, 2.7.1999, p. 19.
([5]) OJ L 275, 25.10.2003, p. 23.