COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 628/2004

of 2 April 2004

concerning tenders submitted in response to the invitation to tender for the export to certain third countries of wholly milled and parboiled long grain rice B issued in Regulation (EC) No 1877/2003

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], and in particular Article 13(3) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) An invitation to tender for the export refund on rice was issued pursuant to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1877/2003 [2].

(2) Article 5 of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 584/75 [3], 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 Article 13 of Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 a maximum refund 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 29 March to 1 April 2004 in response to the invitation to tender for the export refund on wholly milled and parboiled long grain rice B to certain third countries issued in Regulation (EC) No 1877/2003.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 3 April 2004.

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

Done at Brussels, 2 April 2004.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

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[1] OJ L 329, 30.12.1995, p. 18. Regulation as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 411/2002 (OJ L 62, 5.3.2002, p. 27).

[2] OJ L 275, 25.10.2003, p. 20.

[3] OJ L 61, 7.3.1975, p. 25. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1948/2002 (OJ L 299, 1.11.2002, p. 18).