COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 653/2004
of 7 April 2004
opening tendering procedure No 51/2004 EC for the sale of wine alcohol for new industrial uses

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1493/1999 of 17 May 1999 on the common organisation of the market in wine [1], and in particular Article 33 thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Commission Regulation (EC) No 1623/2000 of 25 July 2000 laying down detailed rules for implementing Regulation (EC) No 1493/1999 on the common organisation of the market in wine with regard to market mechanisms [2] lays down, *inter alia*, the detailed rules for disposing of stocks of alcohol arising from distillation under Articles 27, 28 and 30 of Regulation (EC) No 1493/1999 held by intervention agencies.

(2) In accordance with Article 80 of Regulation (EC) No 1623/2000, tendering procedures should be organised for the sale of wine alcohol for new industrial uses with a view to reducing the stocks of wine alcohol in the Community and enabling small-scale industrial projects to be carried out and such alcohol to be processed into goods intended for export for industrial uses. The wine alcohol of Community origin in storage in the Member States consists of quantities produced from distillation under Articles 27, 28 and 30 of Regulation (EC) No 1493/1999.

(3) Since 1 January 1999 and in accordance with Council Regulation (EC) No 2799/98 of 15 December 1998 establishing agrimonetary arrangements for the euro [3], the prices offered in tenders and securities must be expressed in euro and payments must be made in euro.

(4) Minimum prices should be fixed for the submission of tenders, broken down according to the type of end-use.

(5) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Wine,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Tendering procedure No 51/2004 EC is hereby opened for the sale of wine alcohol for new industrial uses. The alcohol concerned has been produced from distillation under Articles 27, 28 and 30 of Regulation (EC) No 1493/1999 and is held by the French intervention agency.

The volume put up for sale is 100 000 hectolitres of alcohol at 100 % vol. The vat numbers, places of storage and the volume of alcohol at 100 % vol contained in each vat are detailed in the Annex hereto.

Article 2

The sale shall be conducted in accordance with Articles 79, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 95, 96, 97, 100 and 101 of Regulation (EC) No 1623/2000 and Article 2 of Regulation (EC) No 2799/98.

Article 3

1. Tenders must be submitted to the intervention agency holding the alcohol concerned:

Onivins-Libourne, Délégation nationale
17, avenue de la Ballastière,
boîte postale 231
F-33505 Libourne Cedex
tel. (33-5) 57 55 20 00
telex: 57 20 25
fax: (33-5) 57 55 20 59

or sent by registered mail to that address.

2. Tenders shall be submitted in a sealed double envelope, the inside envelope marked: 'Tender under procedure No 51/2004 EC for new industrial uses', the outer envelope bearing the address of the intervention agency concerned.

[1] OJ L 179, 14.7.1999, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1795/2003 (OJ L 262, 14.10.2003, p. 13).
[2] OJ L 194 du 31.7.2000, p. 45. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1710/2003 (OJ L 243, 27.9.2003, p. 98).
[3] OJ L 349, 24.12.1998, p. 1.

3. Tenders must reach the intervention agency concerned not later than 12.00 Brussels time on 28 April 2004.

4. All tenders must be accompanied by proof that a tendering security of EUR 4 per hectolitre of alcohol at 100 % vol has been lodged with the intervention agency concerned.

Article 4

The minimum prices which may be offered are EUR 6,80 per hectolitre of alcohol at 100 % vol intended for the manufacture of baker's yeast, EUR 26 per hectolitre of alcohol at 100 % vol intended for the manufacture of amine- and chloral-type chemical products for export, EUR 32 per hectolitre of alcohol at 100 % vol intended for the manufacture of eau de Cologne for export and EUR 7,50 per hectolitre of alcohol at 100 % vol intended for other industrial uses.

Article 5

The formalities for sampling shall be as set out in Article 98 of Regulation (EC) No 1623/2000. The price of samples shall be EUR 10 per litre.

The intervention agency shall provide all the necessary information on the characteristics of the alcohol put up for sale.

Article 6

The performance guarantee shall be EUR 30 per hectolitre of alcohol at 100 % vol.

Article 7

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, 7 April 2004.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

ANNEX

INVITATION TO TENDER No 51/2004 EC FOR THE SALE OF ALCOHOL FOR NEW INDUSTRIAL USES

Place of storage, volume and characteristics of the alcohol put up for sale

Member State	Location	Vat No	Volume in hectolitres of alcohol at 100 % vol	Regulation (EC) No 1493/1999 Article.	Type of alcohol	Alcohol strength (in % vol)
France	Onivins-Longuefuye F-53200 Longuefuye	20	22 410	27	Raw	+ 92
		4	22 555	27	Raw	+ 92
		10	22 310	28	Raw	+ 92
		15	15 155	28	Raw	+ 92
	Onivins-Port La Nouvelle Av. Adolphe Turel, BP 62 F-11210 Port La Nouvelle	37	550	28	Raw	+ 92
		37	8 100	30	Raw	+ 92
		37	165	27	Raw	+ 92
		36	120	28	Raw	+ 92
		36	8 610	30	Raw	+ 92
		36	25	27	Raw	+ 92
	Total		100 000			