COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 227/2008

of 13 March 2008

fixing the maximum export refund for white sugar in the framework of the standing invitation to tender provided for in Regulation (EC) No 1060/2007

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 318/2006 of 20 February 2006 on the common organisation of the markets in the sugar sector [1], and in particular the second subparagraph and point (b) of the third subparagraph of Article 33(2) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Commission Regulation (EC) No 1060/2007 of 14 September 2007 opening a standing invitation to tender for the resale for export of sugar held by the intervention agencies of Belgium, the Czech Republic, Spain, Ireland, Italy, Hungary, Poland, Slovakia and Sweden [2] requires the issuing of partial invitations to tender.

(2) Pursuant to Article 4(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1060/2007 and following an examination of the tenders submitted in response to the partial invitation to tender ending on 12 March 2008, it is appropriate to fix a maximum export refund for that partial invitation to tender.

(3) The Management Committee for Sugar has not delivered an opinion within the time limit set by its chairman,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

For the partial invitation to tender ending on 12 March 2008, the maximum export refund for the product referred to in Article 1(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1060/2007 shall be 410,73 EUR/t.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 14 March 2008.

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

Done at Brussels, 13 March 2008.

For the Commission

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[1] OJ L 58, 28.2.2006, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1260/2007 (OJ L 283, 27.10.2007, p. 1). Regulation (EC) No 318/2006 will be replaced by Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 (OJ L 299, 16.11.2007, p. 1) as from 1 October 2008.

[2] OJ L 242, 15.9.2007, p. 8. Regulation as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 148/2008 (OJ L 46, 21.2.2008, p. 9).