

REGULATION (EEC) No 2060/74 OF THE COMMISSION

of 2 August 1974

opening an invitation to tender for the mobilization of common wheat as aid
for the Republic of Uruguay

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN
COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European
Economic Community;

Having regard to Council Regulation No 120/
67/EEC⁽¹⁾ of 13 June 1967 on the common organiza-
tion of the market in cereals, as last amended by Regu-
lation (EEC) No 1125/74⁽²⁾;

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No
1693/72⁽³⁾ of 3 August 1972 laying down the condi-
tions for the mobilization of cereals as food aid, and
in particular Article 6 thereof;

Whereas on 22 July 1974 the Council of the Euro-
pean Communities declared that by way of Commu-
nity action it proposed to grant the Republic of
Uruguay 6 000 metric tons of common wheat under
the 1973/74 food-aid programme;

Whereas an analysis of the state of the cereals market
in the Community indicates that the criteria of Article
3(1) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 1693/72 should
be applied, and that the product should be bought on
the Community market;

Whereas tenders should be invited for the supply of
the product to the port of shipment in the vicinity of
the vessel, the goods to be set down at the place nomi-
nated by the recipient or its agent;

Whereas the contract should be awarded to the
tenderer offering the best terms;

Whereas in case it should be impossible for reasons of
force majeure to complete the operation in question
within the set time limits, it must be made clear who
is to bear any costs resulting therefrom;

Whereas provision should be made for security to be
given to guarantee fulfilment of the obligations arising
by virtue of participation in the invitation to tender
for the supply of wheat to the Republic of Uruguay;

Whereas the Dutch intervention agency should be
made responsible for the tendering procedure in ques-
tion;

Whereas the Commission must be informed quickly
of the tenders submitted in response to the invitation
and of those accepted by the intervention agency;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Regulation
are in accordance with the Opinion of the Manage-
ment Committee for Cereals,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. Tenders are hereby invited for the supply, by way of Community food aid action, to the Republic of Uruguay of 6 000 metric tons of common wheat.
2. The tendering procedure shall take place in the Netherlands in one lot.
3. The product shall be mobilized on the Community market.
4. Loading shall take place for shipment from a Community port.
5. The product referred to in paragraph 1 is to be delivered in bulk to the port of shipment in the vicinity of the vessel. The goods must be set down at the place nominated by the recipient country or its agent, the timing of delivery being settled by the tenderer and the recipient country's agent.

Article 2

1. The decision on tenders received in response to the invitation provided for in Article 1 shall be taken on 19 August 1974.
2. The closing date for the receipt of tenders shall be 19 August 1974 at 12 noon.
3. The notice of invitation to tender shall be published in the *Official Journal of the European Communities* not less than nine days before the closing date for submission of tenders.

Article 3

The contract shall be awarded to the tenderer who makes the most favourable offer.

However, if the tenders submitted do not appear to reflect normal market prices and costs, the intervention agency may cancel the invitation to tender.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No 117, 19. 6. 1967, p. 2269/67.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 128, 10. 5. 1974, p. 12.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 178, 5. 8. 1972, p. 1.

Article 4

If the tenderer is unable to deliver the goods in compliance with Article 1 (5) on the date given in the notice of invitation to tender as a result of the late availability of the vessels to be used for sea transportation, the resulting costs shall be borne by the intervention agency.

Article 5

1. The successful tenderer shall give security of a value of 5 units of account per metric ton of the product; the security is intended to guarantee that the operations specified in Article 1 are duly completed. The security shall be forfeited if those operations are not carried out within the prescribed time limit, save as regards quantities not delivered owing to *force majeure*.

2. The security required under paragraph 1 may be provided in the form of a cash deposit or of a guarantee issued by a credit institution conforming to criteria laid down by each Member State.

Article 6

The common wheat referred to in Article 1 to be supplied to the Republic of Uruguay must be of fair and sound merchantable quality and correspond at least to the standard quality for which the intervention price is fixed, except that the moisture content shall not exceed 15.5 % and that a maximum of 3 % of sprouted grains and 1.5 % of miscellaneous impurities shall be allowed.

Article 7

1. The Dutch intervention agency shall be responsible for operations relating to the invitation to tender provided for by this Regulation.

2. It shall forthwith communicate to the Commission the list of firms which have responded to the invitation to tender, specifying the terms of each tender, together with the name and business name of the successful tenderer.

3. On the other hand, if the successful tenderer is established in a Member State other than the one collecting the tenders, and if the product is dispatched through a frontier post of the Member State where the successful tenderer is established, the intervention agency of the latter Member State shall be responsible for the operations relating to the tendering.

In this case, the intervention agency choosing the successful tenderer shall immediately inform the intervention agency of the Member State concerned and shall supply it with all the information which it may require.

4. The intervention agency shall request the successful tenderer to supply the following information:

- (a) after each shipment a certificate showing the quantities dispatched and the quality of the products;
- (b) the date of departure of the vessels.

The information indicated above shall be forwarded by the intervention agency to the Commission immediately upon receipt.

Article 8

On delivery of the goods at the port of shipment, a handing-over certificate shall be supplied to the successful tenderer, acting as agent for the Community, by the agent of the recipient country or, in the absence of the latter, by the intervention agency of the Member State in whose territory the port of shipment is situated.

Article 9

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

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

Done at Brussels, 2 August 1974

For the Commission

The President

François-Xavier ORTOLI