

COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 808/78

of 21 April 1978

opening an invitation to tender for the mobilization of rolled oats as food aid
for the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN
COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European
Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No
2727/75 of 29 October 1975 on the common organiza-
tion of the market in cereals⁽¹⁾, as last amended by
Regulation (EEC) No 2560/77⁽²⁾,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No
2750/75 of 29 October 1975 laying down the condi-
tions for the mobilization of cereals as food aid⁽³⁾, and
in particular Article 6 thereof,

Whereas on 8 February 1977 the Council of the Euro-
pean Communities declared that it proposed, by way
of Community action, to grant the equivalent of 4 898
tonnes of oats, in the form of 2 449 tonnes of rolled
oats, to UNICEF under its 1976/77 food-aid
programme;

Whereas pursuant to Article 3 (3) of Council Regula-
tion (EEC) No 2750/75 the goods may be purchased
anywhere on the Community market;

Whereas the proposed invitation to tender should be
for supply of the products to the dock or in the
lighter where applicable at the port of unloading;

Whereas tenders may be submitted by tenderers esta-
blished in any Member State of the Community and
may relate to products mobilized anywhere within
those Member States; whereas, in view of the currency
situation in the Member States and in order to ensure
that the tenders are as comparable as possible, account
should be taken of the effect on each tender of the
currency situation in the Member State in which the
customs export formalities will be completed;

Whereas the award under the invitation to tender
must be made in favour of the tenderer offering the
best terms;

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

Whereas the Dutch intervention agency should be
made responsible for organizing the invitation to
tender;

Whereas it is important that the Commission be
informed without delay of the tenders submitted in
response to the invitation and of those accepted by
the intervention agency;

Whereas the Monetary Committee will be consulted;
whereas, in view of the urgency, the measures envis-
aged should be adopted in accordance with the condi-
tions laid down in Article 3 (2) of Council Regulation
No 129 on the value of the unit of account and the
exchange rates to be applied for the purposes of the
common agricultural policy⁽⁴⁾, as last amended by
Regulation (EEC) No 2543/73⁽⁵⁾, and in particular
Article 3 thereof;

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. An invitation to tender shall be issued in respect
of the supply of 2 449 tonnes of rolled oats to
UNICEF by way of Community food-aid action.
2. The tendering procedure shall take place in the
Netherlands in three lots. The product shall be mobi-
lized on the Community market. The product shall be
loaded for departure from a Community port.
3. The invitation to tender provided for in para-
graph 1 is for supply of producers to the dock, or in
the lighter where applicable in one of the ports of
unloading listed in the Annex hereto.
4. The successful tenderer shall deliver the
products specified in paragraph 1 in sacks of 25 kilo-
grams net according to the conditions laid down in
the Annex hereto.

Article 2

1. The decision on tenders received in response to
the invitation provided for in Article 1 shall be taken
on 5 May 1978.
2. The closing date for submission of tenders shall
be 5 May 1978, at 12 noon.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 281, 1. 11. 1975, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 303, 28. 11. 1977, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 281, 1. 11. 1975, p. 89.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No 106, 30. 10. 1962, p. 2553/62.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ No L 263, 19. 9. 1973, p. 1.

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

1. The prices offered must be expressed in the currency of the Member State in which the invitation to tender was issued.

2. Tenders must in particular mention the Member State in which the tenderer, in the event of his being declared successful, expects to complete the customs export formalities for the products concerned.

3. For the purpose of rendering the tenders comparable, the prices shall, where appropriate, be corrected by the monetary compensatory amount applicable on the closing date for submission of tenders to exports from the Member State mentioned in the tender pursuant to paragraph 2.

Such correction shall be made by :

- increasing prices which mention a Member State whose currency has depreciated or a new Member State,
- reducing prices which mention a Member State whose currency has been revalued.

The monetary compensatory amount shall, where appropriate, be converted into the currency of the Member State in which the invitation to tender is issued using :

- in the case when the currencies concerned are kept at any given moment within a band of 2.25 %, a conversion rate resulting from their central rate,
- in the other cases, the average of the spot rates of the currencies concerned recorded in the Member State in which the invitation to tender is issued during a period from the Wednesday of one week to the Tuesday of the following week being the period immediately preceding the closing date for submission of tenders.

Article 4

The contract shall be awarded to the tenderer offering the best terms, taking into consideration the adjustment referred to in Article 3 (3).

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

Article 5

1. The tenderer shall give security in an amount of 10 units of account per tonne of goods.

It shall be released :

- in the case of all tenderers whose tenders are unsuccessful or are not accepted,

— in the case of the successful tenderer, when the operations concerned have been carried out within the prescribed time limit and on submission of the original export licence duly granted and endorsed by the competent authorities of the Member State mentioned in the tender pursuant to Article 3 (2),

— in the case of the successful tenderer for quantities not supplied by reason of *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

1. The rolled oats referred to in Article 1 to be supplied to UNICEF must meet the requirements contained in the Annex hereto.

Oats not meeting these requirements shall be refused.

2. Tenders for supply to UNICEF of the rolled oats referred to in Article 1 must relate to a product with the characteristics contained in the Annex hereto.

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. Where the customs export formalities for the mobilized product are completed in a Member State other than that in which the invitation to tender is issued, the intervention agency of the latter Member State shall be responsible for the operations following tendering including payment to the successful tenderer.

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

Furthermore, the amount of the successful tender shall be paid after it has been converted using the average of the spot rates referred to in the second subparagraph of Article 3 (3) to the tenderer in the currency of the Member State in which the operations relating to the tendering are completed.

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 the departure of the vessels, the expected date of arrival of the products at their destination ;
- (c) all possible contingencies which might occur during transportation of the products.

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

5. When the intervention agency responsible for the operations relating to tendering is not the intervention agency which appoints the successful tenderer, it shall send as soon as possible to the latter the information necessary for releasing the security.

Article 8

As regards this tender the intervention agency is authorized to make an initial payment of 80 % of the value of the quantity given in the bill of lading, on presentation of that document and subject to the taking of a security for an amount equal to the initial payment.

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, 21 April 1978.

For the Commission

Finn GUNDELACH

Vice-President

ANNEX

SPECIFICATIONS

Production of quick-cooking oat flakes :

Raw oats : First quality high-density oats.

Cleaning and preparation : Oats to be cleaned of extraneous matter, debittered and stabilized by treatment with steam.

Hulling : Oats to be size-classified and hulled. After separation of husks, oat kernels to be scoured and polished.

Groats : Oat kernels to be cut, sorted and air-cleaned. Groats dampened and pre-cooked with steam, then rolled to flakes.

Oat flakes : To be packaged in 25 kg bags (2 % empty bags).

Bag composition :

- four bags of Kraft paper, of a strength corresponding to a weight of at least 70 g/m² ;
- one interposed bag made of tarred paper of a strength corresponding to a weight of at least 140 g/m² ;
- one double-bound polyethylene internal pocket at least 0.06 mm thick ;
- top and bottom seals of bag to be pasted ;
- insect repellent to be applied to outside of bag.

To allow for the possibility of re-bagging, the successful tenderer shall supply 2 % of new empty sacks of the same quality as those containing the goods but with the printing followed by a capital letter 'R'.

Quality of oat flakes :

Humidity : less than 12 %.

Ash content : less than 2.3 % of dry matter.

Crude fibre : less than 1.5 % of dry matter.

Husk content : less than 0.10 % of dry matter.

Protein content : not less than 14 % of dry matter.

No of lot	Port of unloading	Tonnage cif	Loading period	Inscription on the sacks
1	Bangkok	300	1. — 30. 5. 1978	Flocons d'avoine / Don de la Communauté économique européenne / Action du Fonds des Nations unies pour l'enfance (UNICEF)
2	Haiphong	1 075	1. — 30. 5. 1978	
3	Haiphong	1 074	1. — 30. 7. 1978	