

**COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 376/1999**  
**of 19 February 1999**

**concerning tenders submitted in response to the invitation to tender for the export to certain third European countries of wholly milled round, medium and long grain A rice issued in Regulation (EC) No 2565/98**

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 <sup>(1)</sup>, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2072/98 <sup>(2)</sup>, and in particular Article 13 (3) thereof,

Whereas an invitation to tender for the export refund on rice was issued under Commission Regulation (EC) No 2565/98 <sup>(3)</sup>;

Whereas Article 5 of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 584/75 <sup>(4)</sup>, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 299/95 <sup>(5)</sup>, 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;

Whereas on the basis of the criteria laid down in Article 13 of Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 a maximum refund should not be fixed;

Whereas 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 15 to 18 February 1999 in response to the invitation to tender for the export refund on wholly milled round, medium and long grain A rice to certain third European countries issued in Regulation (EC) No 2565/98.

*Article 2*

This Regulation shall enter into force on 20 February 1999.

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

Done at Brussels, 19 February 1999.

*For the Commission*

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 329, 30. 12. 1995, p. 18.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 265, 30. 9. 1998, p. 4.

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ L 320, 28. 11. 1998, p. 46.

<sup>(4)</sup> OJ L 61, 7. 3. 1975, p. 25.

<sup>(5)</sup> OJ L 35, 15. 2. 1995, p. 8.