

**COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 313/2006****of 22 February 2006****opening a standing invitation to tender for the resale on the internal market of paddy rice held by the Greek intervention agency**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1785/2003 of 29 September 2003 on the common organisation of the market in rice <sup>(1)</sup>, and in particular Article 7(4) and (5) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Regulation (EEC) No 75/91 <sup>(2)</sup> lays down the procedures and conditions for the disposal of paddy rice held by intervention agencies.
- (2) In view of the situation on the Community market in rice, a standing invitation to tender should be opened for the resale on the internal market of some 34 611 tonnes of paddy rice held by the Greek intervention agency.
- (3) 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*

Under the conditions laid down in Regulation (EEC) No 75/91, the Greek intervention agency shall launch a standing call for

tenders for the resale on the internal market of the quantities of paddy rice held by it, as set out in the Annex to this Regulation.

*Article 2*

1. The time limit for submission of tenders under the first partial invitation to tender shall be 8 March 2006.
2. The closing date for the submission of tenders for the last partial invitation to tender shall be 28 June 2006.

3. Tenders shall be lodged with the Greek intervention agency:

OPEKEPE  
Acharnon Street 241  
GR-10446 Athens  
Tel. (30-210) 212 48 46 et 212 47 88  
Fax (30-210) 212 47 91.

*Article 3*

Article 19 of Regulation (EEC) No 75/91 notwithstanding, no later than the Tuesday of the week following the expiry of the deadline for submitting tenders the Greek intervention agency shall inform the Commission of the quantity and average prices of the various lots sold, broken down by group where appropriate.

*Article 4*

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third day following 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, 22 February 2006.

*For the Commission*

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 270, 21.10.2003, p. 96. Regulation as amended by Regulation (EC) No 247/2006 (OJ L 42, 14.2.2006, p. 1).

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 9, 12.1.1991, p. 15.

## ANNEX

Groups	1
Quantity (approximate)	34 611 t
Harvest years	2002
Rice types	all