

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 531/97

of 21 March 1997

on a tendering procedure for the subsidy on the export of husked long grain rice to Réunion

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 organization of the market in rice ⁽¹⁾ and in particular Article 10 (1) thereof,

Whereas Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2692/89 of 6 September 1989 ⁽²⁾ lays down detailed rules for exports of rice to Réunion;

Whereas examination of the supply situation on the island of Réunion shows a shortage of rice; whereas, in view of the availability of rice on the Community market, Réunion should be allowed to obtain supplies on the Community market; whereas, because of the special situation of Réunion, it is appropriate to limit the quantities to be exported and, therefore, to fix the amount of the subsidy by tendering procedure;

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

1. A tendering procedure is hereby opened for the subsidy for the export of husked long grain rice falling within CN code 1006 20 98 referred to in Article 10 (1) of Regulation (EC) No 3072/95, for Réunion.

2. The tendering procedure referred to in paragraph 1 shall be open until 26 June 1997. During that period weekly awards of contract shall be made and the date for submission of tenders shall be determined in the notice of invitation to tender.

3. The tendering procedure shall take place in accordance with the provisions of Regulation (EEC) No 2692/89 and this Regulation.

Article 2

A tender shall be valid only if it covers a quantity of at least 50 tonnes but not more than 3 000 tonnes.

Article 3

The security referred to in Article 7 (3) (a) of Regulation (EEC) No 2692/89 shall be ECU 20 per tonne.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 329, 30. 12. 1995, p. 18.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 261, 7. 9. 1989, p. 8.

Article 4

Notwithstanding Article 21 (1) of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3719/88 ⁽³⁾, the subsidy documents issued in the context of this tendering procedure shall, for the purposes of determining their period of validity, be considered as having been issued on the day the tender was submitted.

Article 5

Tenders must reach the Commission through the Member States not later than one and a half hours after expiry of the time limit for weekly submission of tenders as laid down in the notice of invitation to tender. They must be transmitted in accordance with the table given in the Annex.

If no tenders are submitted, Member States shall inform the Commission accordingly within the same time limit as that given in the preceding subparagraph.

Article 6

The time set for submitting tenders shall be Belgian time.

Article 7

1. On the basis of tenders submitted, the Commission shall decide in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 22 of Regulation (EC) No 3072/95

— either to fix a maximum subsidy,

— or not to take any action on the tenders.

2. Where a maximum subsidy is fixed, an award shall be made to the tenderer or tenderers whose tenders are at or below the maximum subsidy level.

Article 8

The time limit for submission of tenders for the first partial award shall expire on 3 April 1997 at 10 a.m.

The final date for submission of tenders is hereby fixed at 26 June 1997.

Article 9

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

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 331, 2. 12. 1988, p. 1.

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

Done at Brussels, 21 March 1997.

For the Commission
Franz FISCHLER
Member of the Commission

ANNEX

Weekly award for the subsidy for the export of husked long grain rice to Réunion

Closing date for the submission of tenders (date/time)

1	2	3
Serial numbers of tenderers	Quantities (tonnes)	Amount of subsidy (ECU/tonne)
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		
etc.		