

**COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 917/97  
of 22 May 1997**

**fixing the maximum export refund on wholly milled long grain rice in  
connection with the invitation to tender issued in Regulation (EC) No 530/97**

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 <sup>(1)</sup>, and in particular Article 13 (3) thereof,

Whereas an invitation to tender for the export refund on  
rice was issued pursuant to Commission Regulation (EC)  
No 530/97 <sup>(2)</sup>;

Whereas, Article 5 of Commission Regulation (EEC) No  
584/75 <sup>(3)</sup>, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No  
299/95 <sup>(4)</sup>, allows the Commission to fix, in accordance  
with the procedure laid down in Article 22 of Regulation  
(EC) No 3072/95 and on the basis of the tenders  
submitted, a maximum export refund; whereas in fixing  
this maximum, the criteria provided for in Article 13 of  
Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 must be taken into account;  
whereas a contract is awarded to any tenderer whose  
tender is equal to or less than the maximum export  
refund;

Whereas the application of the abovementioned criteria to  
the current market situation for the rice in question

results in the maximum export refund being fixed at the  
amount specified in Article 1;

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*

The maximum export refund on wholly milled long grain  
rice falling within CN code 1006 30 67 to be exported to  
certain third countries pursuant to the invitation to tender  
issued in Regulation (EC) No 530/97 is hereby fixed on  
the basis of the tenders submitted from 19 to 22 May  
1997 at ECU 394 per tonne.

*Article 2*

This Regulation shall enter into force on 23 May 1997.

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

Done at Brussels, 22 May 1997.

*For the Commission*

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No L 329, 30. 12. 1995, p. 18.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ No L 82, 22. 3. 1997, p. 48.

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ No L 61, 7. 3. 1975, p. 25.

<sup>(4)</sup> OJ No L 35, 15. 2. 1995, p. 8.