

**COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 721/2009****of 6 August 2009****concerning tenders lodged under the invitation to tender for the import of maize issued in Regulation (EC) No 676/2009**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 of 22 October 2007 establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products (Single 'CMO Regulation') <sup>(1)</sup>, and in particular Article 144(1) in conjunction with Article 4 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) An invitation to tender for the maximum reduction in the duty on maize imported into Spain from third countries was opened by Commission Regulation (EC) No 676/2009 <sup>(2)</sup>.
- (2) Under Article 8 of Commission Regulation (EC) No 1296/2008 of 18 December 2008 laying down detailed rules for the application of tariff quotas for imports of maize and sorghum into Spain and imports of maize into Portugal <sup>(3)</sup> the Commission, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 195(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007, may decide to make no award.

- (3) On the basis of the criteria laid down in Articles 7 and 8 of Regulation (EC) No 1296/2008 a maximum reduction in the duty should not be fixed.
- (4) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for the Common Organisation of Agricultural Markets,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

*Article 1*

No award shall be made for the tenders lodged from 28 July to 6 August 2009 under the invitation to tender for the reduction in the duty on imported maize issued in Regulation (EC) No 676/2009.

*Article 2*

This Regulation shall enter into force on 7 August 2009.

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

Done at Brussels, 6 August 2009.

*For the Commission*

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Rural Development*

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 299, 16.11.2007, p. 1.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 196, 28.7.2009, p. 6.

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ L 340, 19.12.2008, p. 57.