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*(Notices)*

## COMMISSION

**Notice of invitation to tender for the reduction in the import duty on maize imported from non-member countries**

(97/C 146/10)

**I. Subject**

1. Notice is hereby given of an invitation to tender for the reduction in the duty on imports from non-member countries of maize falling within subheading 1005 90 00 of the combined nomenclature.
2. The total quantity in respect of which the reduction in the import duty may be fixed is 500 000 tonnes.
3. Contracts will be awarded in accordance with the provisions of Regulation (EC) No 848/97 <sup>(1)</sup>.

**II. Time limits**

1. The period for submission of tenders for the first weekly invitation begins on 16 May 1997 and expires on 22 May 1997 at 10 a.m.
2. The period for submission of tenders for subsequent weekly invitations begins on the Friday of each week and expires on the following Thursday at 10 a.m.

This notice is published only in respect of the issue of this invitation to tender. Unless amended or replaced, this notice is valid for all weekly invitations issued during the period of validity of this invitation to tender.

**III. Tenders**

1. Tenders must be submitted in writing and must either be delivered personally against a receipt or be sent by registered letter, telex, fax or telegram, arriving no later than the date and time stated in Title II, to the following address:

Servicio Nacional de Productos Agrarios (SENPA),  
C/Beneficiencia 8, E-28004 Madrid (telex: 41819,  
23427 SENPA E; fax: 5219832, 5224387).

Tenders not submitted by telex, fax or telegram must be enclosed in a sealed envelope marked 'Tender for the reduction in the import duty on maize — Regulation (EC) No 848/97'. This envelope must itself be enclosed in another sealed envelope bearing the address in question.

Tenders submitted shall remain firm until the Member State concerned informs the interested party that his tender has been successful.

2. The tender and the proof and declaration referred to in Article 6 (3) of Commission Regulation (EC) No 1839/95 <sup>(2)</sup> shall be written in the official language, or one of the official languages, of the Member State whose competent authority has received the tender.

**IV. Tendering security**

The tendering security shall be made payable to the competent authority.

**V. Award of the contract**

The award of the contract shall establish:

- (a) the successful tenderer's entitlement to be issued, in the Member State in which the tender was submitted, with an import licence stating the reduction in the import duty mentioned in the tender and awarded in respect of the quantity in question;
- (b) the successful tenderer's obligation to apply, in the Member State referred to in (a), for an import licence for that quantity.

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No L 122, 14. 5. 1997, p. 7.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ No L 177, 28. 7. 1995, p. 4.