

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2656/2000**of 1 December 2000****deciding not to accept tenders submitted in response to the 256th partial invitation to tender as a general intervention measure pursuant to Regulation (EEC) No 1627/89**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1254/1999 of 17 May 1999 on the common organisation of the market in beef and veal ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 47(8) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Regulation (EC) No 562/2000 of 15 March 2000 laying down detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EC) No 1254/1999 as regards the buying-in of beef ⁽²⁾ lays down buying standards. Pursuant to the abovementioned Regulation, an invitation to tender was opened pursuant to Article 1(1) of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1627/89 of 9 June 1989 on the buying-in of beef by invitation to tender ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2538/2000 ⁽⁴⁾.
- (2) Article 13(1) of Regulation (EC) No 562/2000 lays down that a maximum buying-in price is to be fixed for quality R3, where appropriate, under each partial invitation to tender in the light of tenders received. In accordance with Article 13(2) of that Regulation, a decision

may be taken not to proceed with the tendering procedure.

- (3) Once tenders submitted in respect of the 256th partial invitation to tender have been considered and taking account, pursuant to Article 47(8) of Regulation (EC) No 1254/1999, of the requirements for reasonable support of the market and the seasonal trend in slaughterings and prices, it has been decided not to proceed with the tendering procedure.
- (4) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Beef and Veal,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

No award shall be made against the 256th partial invitation to tender opened pursuant to Regulation (EEC) No 1627/89.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 4 December 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 1 December 2000.

For the Commission

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⁽¹⁾ OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 21.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 68, 16.3.2000, p. 22.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 159, 10.6.1989, p. 36.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 291, 18.11.2000, p. 14.