

COMMISSION DECISION

of 19 March 1976

relating to the urgent supply of common wheat as food aid to the Lebanese Republic

(Only the French and Dutch texts are authentic)

(76/351/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2727/75 of 29 October 1975 on the common organization of the market in cereals⁽¹⁾, as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 3058/75⁽²⁾,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2750/75 of 29 October 1975 laying down the conditions for the mobilization of cereals as food aid⁽³⁾, and in particular Article 6 thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 374/76 of 17 February 1976 derogating from Regulation (EEC) No 2750/75 in respect of mobilization procedures for cereals to be supplied as food aid for the benefit of the Lebanese Republic⁽⁴⁾,

Whereas on 17 February 1976 the Council of the European Communities declared that it proposed, by way of Community action, to grant the equivalent of 2 589 metric tons of common wheat to the Lebanese Republic under its 1974/75 food-aid programme ;

Whereas, in view of the need to provide quick aid, it is necessary to have recourse to contracts my mutual agreement ;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Cereals,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION :

Article 1

1. In accordance with Article 1 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 374/76 of 17 February 1976, the Belgian Intervention Agency (OBEA), 83, rue de Trèves, Brussels, shall conclude a private contract for the mobilization of 2 589 metric tons of common wheat in stock in its intervention stores for delivery to the Lebanese Republic.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 281, 1. 11. 1975, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 306, 26. 11. 1975, p. 3.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 281, 1. 11. 1975, p. 89.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 45, 21. 2. 1976, p. 8.

2. In concluding the private contract, OBEA must seek the least onerous terms possible.

3. The contract shall be for supply to the port of loading, loading charges and transport of the product delivered Beirut, that is at the moment when the goods are actually removed from the ship's hold at the port of unloading.

4. The product shall be delivered in bulk.

Article 2

The product referred to in Article 1 must be of fair and sound merchantable quality and correspond at least to the standard quality for which the intervention price is fixed, except that the moisture content shall not exceed 15 % and that a maximum of 3 % of sprouted grains and 1.5 % of miscellaneous impurities shall be allowed.

If the product does not meet these requirements it shall be refused.

Article 3

1. A security of a value of five units of account per metric ton shall be given by the party concerned on the signature of the contract. It shall be released on the completion of the operations in question within the time limit laid down and also for those quantities not realized due to *force majeure*.

2. The security provided for in paragraph 1 may be given in the form of a cash deposit or of a guarantee issued by a credit institution conforming to the criteria laid down by the Member State.

Article 4

Shipment shall be carried out between 1 and 7 April 1976.

Article 5

The intervention agency shall request the interested party to supply the following information :

- (a) a statement giving details of the quantities loaded, the quality of the products and their packaging ;
- (b) the date of the departure of the ships ; the expected date of arrival of the products at their destination ;
- (c) all possible contingencies which might occur during transportation of the products.

The intervention agency shall transmit the information indicated to the Commission as soon as it is received together with a copy of the private contract.

Article 6

This Decision is addressed to the Kingdom of Belgium.

Done at Brussels, 19 March 1976.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission