

## COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 1404/76

of 18 June 1976

opening an invitation to tender for the mobilization of maize as food aid for the  
United Republic of Tanzania

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 organiza-  
tion of the market in cereals <sup>(1)</sup>, as amended by Regula-  
tion (EEC) No 1143/76 <sup>(2)</sup>,

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

Whereas on 25 March 1976 the Council of the Euro-  
pean Communities declared that by way of Commu-  
nity action it proposed to grant the United Republic  
of Tanzania 2 000 metric tons of maize under its  
1975/76 food-aid programme;

Whereas pursuant to Article 3 (3) of Council Regula-  
tion (EEC) No 2750/75 the goods may be purchased  
anywhere on the Community market;

Whereas tenders should be invited for the supply of  
the product to the port of shipment in the vicinity of  
the vessel, the goods to be set down at the place nomi-  
nated by the recipient or its agent;

Whereas tenders may be submitted by tenderers esta-  
blished in any Member State of the Community and  
may relate to products mobilized anywhere within  
those Member States; whereas, in view of the currency  
situation in the Member States and in order to ensure  
that the tenders are as comparable as possible, account  
should be taken of the effect on each tender of the  
currency situation in the Member State in which the  
customs export formalities will be completed;

Whereas the award under the invitation to tender  
must be made in favour of the tenderer offering the  
best terms;

Whereas, should *force majeure* make it impossible to  
complete the operation in question within the set  
time limit, it should be made clear who is to bear the  
liability for any resulting costs;

Whereas provision should be made for security to be  
given to guarantee fulfilment of the obligations arising  
by virtue of participation in the invitation to tender;

Whereas the French intervention agency should be  
made responsible for the tendering procedure in ques-  
tion;

Whereas the Commission must be informed quickly  
of the tenders submitted in response to the invitation  
and of those accepted by the intervention agency;

Whereas the Monetary Committee will be consulted;  
whereas, in view of the urgency, the measures envis-  
aged should be adopted in accordance with the condi-  
tions laid down in Article 3 (2) of Council Regulation  
No 129 <sup>(4)</sup> on the value of the unit of account and the  
exchange rates to be applied for the purposes of the  
common agricultural policy, as last amended by Regu-  
lation (EEC) No 2543/73 <sup>(5)</sup>, and in particular Article  
3 thereof;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Regulation  
are in accordance with the opinion of the Manage-  
ment Committee for Cereals,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

*Article 1*

1. Tenders are hereby invited for the supply to the  
United Republic of Tanzania by way of Community  
food-aid action of 2 000 metric tons of maize.

2. The tendering procedure shall take place in  
France in one lot. The product shall be mobilized on  
the Community market. The product shall be loaded  
for departure from any Community port.

3. The product referred to in paragraph 1 is to be  
delivered in bulk to the port of shipment in the  
vicinity of the vessel. The goods must be set down at  
the place nominated by the recipient country or its  
agent, the timing of delivery being settled by the  
tenderer and the recipient country's agent.

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No L 281, 1. 11. 1975, p. 1.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ No L 130, 19. 5. 1976, p. 1.

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ No L 281, 1. 11. 1975, p. 89.

<sup>(4)</sup> OJ No 106, 30. 10. 1962, p. 2553/62.

<sup>(5)</sup> OJ No L 263, 19. 9. 1973, p. 1.

*Article 2*

1. The decision on tenders received in response to the invitation provided for in Article 1 shall be taken on 2 July 1976.
2. The closing date for submission of tenders shall be 2 July 1976, at 12 noon.
3. The notice of invitation to tender shall be published in the *Official Journal of the European Communities* not less than nine days before the closing date for submission of tenders.

*Article 3*

1. The prices offered must be expressed in the currency of the Member State in which the invitation to tender was issued.
2. Tenders must in particular mention the Member State in which the tenderer, in the event of his being declared successful, expects to complete the customs export formalities for the products concerned.
3. For the purpose of rendering the tenders comparable, the prices shall, where appropriate, be corrected by the monetary compensatory amount and the accession compensatory amount applicable on the closing date for submission of tenders to exports from the Member State mentioned in the tender pursuant to paragraph 2.

Such correction shall be made by :

- increasing prices which mention a Member State whose currency has depreciated or a new Member State,
- reducing prices which mention a Member State whose currency has been revalued.

The monetary compensatory amount shall, where appropriate, be converted into the currency of the Member State in which the invitation to tender is issued using :

- in the case when the currencies concerned are kept at any given moment within a band of 2.25 %, a conversion rate resulting from their central rate,
- in the other cases, the average of the spot rates of the currencies concerned recorded in the Member State in which the invitation to tender is issued during a period from the Wednesday of one week to the Tuesday of the following week being the period immediately preceding the closing date for submission of tenders.

*Article 4*

The contract shall be awarded to the tenderer offering the best terms, taking into consideration the adjustment referred to in Article 3 (3).

However, if the tenders submitted do not appear to reflect normal market prices and costs, the intervention agency may cancel the invitation to tender.

*Article 5*

If the tenderer is unable to deliver the goods in compliance with Article 1 (3) on the date given in the notice of invitation to tender as a result of the late availability of the vessels to be used for sea transportation, the resulting costs shall be borne by the intervention agency.

*Article 6*

1. The tenderer shall give security in an amount of five units of account per metric ton of goods.

It shall be released :

- in the case of all tenderers whose tenders are unsuccessful or are not accepted,
- in the case of the successful tenderer, when the operations concerned have been carried out within the prescribed time limit and on submission of the original export licence duly granted and endorsed by the competent authorities of the Member State mentioned in the tender pursuant to Article 3 (2),
- in the case of the successful tenderer for quantities not supplied by reason of *force majeure*.

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

*Article 7*

The maize 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.

*Article 8*

1. The French intervention agency shall be responsible for organizing the invitation to tender provided for by this Regulation.

2. It shall forthwith communicate to the Commission the list of firms which have responded to the invitation to tender, specifying the terms of each tender, together with the name and business name of the successful tenderer.

3. Where the customs export formalities for the mobilized product are completed in a Member State other than that in which the invitation to tender is issued, the intervention agency of the latter Member State shall be responsible for the operations following tendering, including payment to the successful tenderer.

In such case, the intervention agency choosing the successful tenderer shall immediately inform the intervention agency of the Member State concerned and shall supply it with all the information which it may require.

Furthermore, the amount of the successful tender shall be paid after it has been converted using the average of the spot rates referred to in the second subparagraph of Article 3 (3) to the tenderer in the currency of the Member State in which the operations relating to the tendering are completed.

4. The intervention agency shall request the successful tenderer to supply the following information :

- (a) after each shipment a certificate showing the quantities dispatched and the quality of the products ;
- (b) the date of departure of the vessels.

The information indicated above shall be forwarded by the intervention agency to the Commission immediately upon receipt.

5. When the intervention agency responsible for the operations relating to tendering is not the intervention agency which appoints the successful tenderer, it shall send as soon as possible to the latter the information necessary for releasing the security.

#### *Article 9*

On delivery of the goods at the port of shipment, a handing-over certificate shall be supplied to the successful tenderer, acting as agent for the Community, by the agent of the recipient country or, in the absence of the latter, by the intervention agency of the Member State in whose territory the port of shipment is situated.

#### *Article 10*

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

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

Done at Brussels, 18 June 1976.

*For the Commission*

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