

**COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 538/97**  
**of 24 March 1997**  
**on the supply of cereals as food aid**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,  
Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1292/96 of 27 June 1996 on food-aid policy and food-aid management and special operations in support of food security<sup>(1)</sup>, and in particular Article 24 (1) (b) thereof,

Whereas the abovementioned Regulation lays down the list of countries and organizations eligible for food-aid operations and specifies the general criteria on the transport of food aid beyond the fob stage;

Whereas, following the taking of a number of decisions on the allocation of food aid, the Commission has allocated cereals to certain beneficiaries;

Whereas it is necessary to make these supplies in accordance with the rules laid down by Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2200/87 of 8 July 1987 laying down general rules for the mobilization in the Community of products to be supplied as Community food aid<sup>(2)</sup>, as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 790/91<sup>(3)</sup>; whereas it is necessary to specify the time limits and conditions of supply and the procedure to be followed to determine the resultant costs;

Whereas, for a given lot, given the small quantities to be supplied, the packaging methods and the large number of destinations of the supplies, provision should be made for

the possibility for tenderers to indicate two ports of loading where necessary not belonging to the same port area,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

*Article 1*

Cereals shall be mobilized in the Community, as Community food aid for supply to the recipient listed in the Annex, in accordance with Regulation (EEC) No 2200/87 and under the conditions set out in the Annex. Supplies shall be awarded by the tendering procedure.

For lot D, notwithstanding Article 7 (3) (d) of Regulation (EEC) No 2200/87, the tender may indicate two ports of shipment not necessarily belonging to the same port area.

The successful tenderer is deemed to have noted and accepted all the general and specific conditions applicable. Any other condition or reservation included in his tender is deemed unwritten.

*Article 2*

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following 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, 24 March 1997.

*For the Commission*

Franz FISCHLER

*Member of the Commission*

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No L 166, 5. 7. 1996, p. 1.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ No L 204, 25. 7. 1987, p. 1.

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ No L 81, 28. 3. 1991, p. 108.

## ANNEX

## LOT A

1. **Operation No** (1): 140/96
2. **Programme**: 1996
3. **Recipient** (2): WFP (World Food Programme), via Cristoforo Colombo 426, I-00145 Roma (tel: (39 6) 57 971; telex: 626675 WFP I)
4. **Representative of the recipient**: to be designated by the recipient
5. **Place or country of destination**: Bangladesh
6. **Product to be mobilized**: common wheat
7. **Characteristics and quality of the goods** (3) (7): see OJ No C 114, 29. 4. 1991, p. 1 (IIA (1)(a))
8. **Total quantity (tonnes)**: 19 752
9. **Number of lots**: one
10. **Packaging and marking**: in bulk
11. **Method of mobilization**: the Community market
12. **Stage of supply**: free at port of shipment — fob stowed and trimmed (12)
13. **Port of shipment**: —
14. **Port of landing specified by the recipient**: —
15. **Port of landing**: —
16. **Address of the warehouse and, if appropriate, port of landing**: —
17. **Period for making the goods available at the port of shipment**: 21. 4. — 11. 5. 1997
18. **Deadline for the supply**: —
19. **Procedure for determining the costs of supply**: invitation to tender
20. **Date of expiry of the period allowed for submission of tenders**: (12 noon (Brussels time)) 8. 4. 1997
21. **In the case of a second invitation to tender**:
  - (a) deadline for the submission of tenders: (12 noon (Brussels time)) 22. 4. 1997
  - (b) period for making the goods available at the port of shipment: 5. — 25. 5. 1997
  - (c) deadline for the supply: —
22. **Amount of tendering security**: ECU 5 per tonne
23. **Amount of delivery security**: 10 % of the amount of the tender in ecus
24. **Address for submission of tenders and tendering securities** (1): Bureau de l'aide alimentaire, Attn Mr T. Vestergaard, bâtiment Loi 130, bureau 7/46, rue de la Loi/Wetstraat 200, B-1049 Brussels (telex: 25670 AGREC B; fax: (32-2) 296 70 03 / 296 70 04) (exclusively)
25. **Refund payable on application by the successful tenderer** (4): refund applicable on 31. 3. 1997, fixed by Commission Regulation (EC) No 370/97 (OJ No L 60, 1. 3. 1997, p. 16)

## LOT B

1. **Operation No** (1): 129/96
2. **Programme**: 1996
3. **Recipient** (2): WFP (World Food Programme), via Cristoforo Colombo 426, I-00145 Roma (tel: (39 6) 57 971; telex: 626675 WFP I)
4. **Representative of the recipient**: to be designated by the recipient  
Siteen Street, Sana'a
5. **Place or country of destination** (3): Yemen
6. **Product to be mobilized**: common wheat
7. **Characteristics and quality of the goods** (3) (7): see OJ No C 114, 29. 4. 1991, p. 1 (IIA (1)(a))
8. **Total quantity (tonnes)**: 9 168
9. **Number of lots**: one
10. **Packaging and marking** (8): see OJ No C 267, 13. 9. 1996, p. 1 (1.0 (A) (1)(c), (2)(c) and (B) (2))  
see OJ No C 114, 29. 4. 1991, p. 1 (IIA (3))  
Language to be used for the marking: English
11. **Method of mobilization**: the Community market
12. **Stage of supply**: free at port of landing — landed
13. **Port of shipment**: —
14. **Port of landing specified by the recipient**: —
15. **Port of landing**: Hodeidah
16. **Address of the warehouse and, if appropriate, port of landing**: —
17. **Period for making the goods available at the port of shipment were the supply is awarded at the port of shipment stage**: 21. 4. — 4. 5. 1997
18. **Deadline for the supply**: 25. 5. 1997
19. **Procedure for determining the costs of supply**: invitation to tender
20. **Date of expiry of the period allowed for submission of tenders**: (12 noon (Brussels time))  
8. 4. 1997
21. **In the case of a second invitation to tender**:
  - (a) deadline for the submission of tenders: (12 noon (Brussels time)) 22. 4. 1997
  - (b) period for making the goods available at the port of shipment where the supply is awarded at the port of shipment stage: 5 — 18. 5. 1997
  - (c) deadline for the supply: 8. 6. 1997
22. **Amount of tendering security**: ECU 5 per tonne
23. **Amount of delivery security**: 10 % of the amount of the tender in ecus
24. **Address for submission of tenders and tendering securities** (1): Bureau de l'aide alimentaire, Attn Mr T. Vestergaard, bâtiment Loi 130, bureau 7/46, rue de la Loi/Wetstraat 200, B-1049 Brussels (telex: 25670 AGREC B; fax: (32 2) 296 70 03 / 296 70 04 (exclusively))
25. **Refund payable on application by the successful tenderer** (9): refund applicable on 31. 3. 1997, fixed by Commission Regulation (EC) No 370/97 (OJ No L 60, 1. 3. 1997, p. 16)

## LOT C

1. **Operation No** (1): 128/96
2. **Programme**: 1996
3. **Recipient** (2): WFP (World Food Programme), via Cristoforo Colombo 426, I-00145 Roma (tel: (39-6) 57 971; telex: 626675 WFP I)
4. **Representative of the recipient**: WFP Egypt, Attn WFP Representative, 1191 Corniche El Nil, Boulak, Cairo
5. **Place or country of destination** (3): Egypt
6. **Product to be mobilized**: common wheat flour
7. **Characteristics and quality of the goods** (3) (7): see OJ No C 114, 29. 4. 1991, p. 1 (II.B(1)(a))
8. **Total quantity (tonnes)**: 8 626
9. **Number of lots**: one
10. **Packaging and marking** (8) (9): see OJ No C 267, 13. 9. 1996, p. 1 (2.2 (A) (1) (d), (2) (d) and (B) (1))  
see OJ No C 114, 29. 4. 1991, p. 1 (II.B(3))  
Language to be used for the marking: English
11. **Method of mobilization**: the Community market
12. **Stage of supply**: free at port of landing — landed
13. **Port of shipment**: —
14. **Port of landing specified by the recipient**: —
15. **Port of landing**: Alexandria
16. **Address of the warehouse and, if appropriate, port of landing**: —
17. **Period for making the goods available at the port of shipment where the supply is awarded at the port of shipment stage**: 5 — 18. 5. 1997
18. **Deadline for the supply**: 1. 6. 1997
19. **Procedure for determining the costs of supply**: invitation to tender
20. **Date of expiry of the period allowed for submission of tenders**: (12 noon (Brussels time)) 8. 4. 1997
21. **In the case of a second invitation to tender**:
  - (a) deadline for the submission of tenders: (12 noon (Brussels time)) 22. 4. 1997
  - (b) period for making the goods available at the port of shipment where the supply is awarded at the port of shipment stage: 19. 5 — 1. 6. 1997
  - (c) deadline for the supply: 15. 6. 1997
22. **Amount of the tendering security**: ECU 5 per tonne
23. **Amount of the delivery security**: 10 % of the amount of the tender in ecus
24. **Address for submission of tenders and tendering securities** (1): Bureau de l'aide alimentaire, Attn. Mr T. Vestergaard, bâtiment Loi 130, bureau 7/46, rue de la Loi/Wetstraat 200, B-1049 Brussels (telex: 25670 AGREC B; fax: (32-2) 296 70 03 / 296 70 04 (exclusively))
25. **Refund payable on application by the successful tenderer** (4): refund applicable on 31. 3. 1997, fixed by Commission Regulation (EC) No 370/97 (OJ No L 60, 1. 3. 1997, p. 16)

## LOT D

1. **Operation No** <sup>(1)</sup>: 1444/95 (D1); 1445/95 (D2)
2. **Programme**: 1995
3. **Recipient** <sup>(2)</sup>: Euronaid, PO Box 12, NL-2501 CA Den Haag (tel.: (31 70) 33 05 757; fax: 36 41 701; telex: 30960 EURON NL)
4. **Representative of the recipient** <sup>(1)</sup>: to be designated by the recipient
5. **Place or country of destination**: D1: Peru; D2: Madagascar
6. **Product to be mobilized**: common wheat flour
7. **Characteristics and quality of the goods** <sup>(3)</sup> <sup>(7)</sup> <sup>(13)</sup>: see OJ No C 114, 29. 4. 1991, p. 1 (II.B (1) (a))
8. **Total quantity (tonnes)**: 100
9. **Number of lots**: one in two parts (D1: 80 tonnes; D2: 20 tonnes)
10. **Packaging and marking** <sup>(4)</sup> <sup>(8)</sup> <sup>(9)</sup>: see OJ No C 267, 13. 9. 1996, p. 1 (2.2 (A) (1) (d), (2) (d) and (B) (4))  
see OJ No C 114, 29. 4. 1991, p. 1 (II.B (3))  
Language to be used for the marking: D1: Spanish; D2: French
11. **Method of mobilization**: the Community market
12. **Stage of supply**: free at port of shipment <sup>(10)</sup>
13. **Port of shipment**: —
14. **Port of landing specified by the recipient**: —
15. **Port of landing**: —
16. **Address of the warehouse and, if appropriate, port of landing**: —
17. **Period for making the goods available at the port of shipment**: 28. 4. — 18. 5. 1997
18. **Deadline for the supply**: —
19. **Procedure for determining the costs of supply**: invitation to tender
20. **Date of expiry of the period allowed for submission of tenders**: (12 noon (Brussels time)) 8. 4. 1997
21. **In the case of a second invitation to tender**:
  - (a) deadline for the submission of tenders: (12 noon (Brussels time)) 22. 4. 1997
  - (b) period for making the goods available at the port of shipment: 12. 5. — 1. 6. 1997
  - (c) deadline for the supply: —
22. **Amount of tendering security**: ECU 5 per tonne
23. **Amount of delivery security**: 10 % of the amount of the tender in ecus
24. **Address for submission of tenders and tendering securities** <sup>(1)</sup>: Bureau de l'aide alimentaire, Attn Mr T. Vestergaard, Bâtiment Loi 130, bureau 7/46, Rue de la Loi/Wetstraat 200, B-1049 Brussels (telex: 25670 AGREC B; fax: (32 2) 296 70 03/296 70 04 (exclusively))
25. **Refund payable on application by the successful tenderer** <sup>(4)</sup>: refund applicable on 31. 3. 1997, fixed by Commission Regulation (EC) No 370/97 (OJ No L 60, 1. 3. 1997, p. 16)

## LOT E

1. **Operation No** (1): 1446/95 (E1); 1447/95 (E2); 1448/95 (E3)
2. **Programme**: 1995
3. **Recipient** (2): CICR, 19 avenue de la Paix, CH-1202 Genève (tel: (41 22) 734 60 01; telex: 22269 CICR CH)
4. **Representative of the recipient**: ICRC Tbilissi, Dutu Megreli Road 1, 380003 Tbilissi. (tel.: (78832) 93 55 11; fax: (78832) 93 55 20)
5. **Place or country of destination**: Georgia
6. **Product to be mobilized**: common wheat flour
7. **Characteristics and quality of the goods** (3) (7): see OJ No C 114, 29. 4. 1991, p. 1 (II.B(1)(a))
8. **Total quantity (tonnes)**: 500
9. **Number of lots**: one in three parts (E1: 100 tonnes; E2: 200 tonnes; E3: 200 tonnes)
10. **Packaging and marking** (8) (9): see OJ No C 267, 13. 9. 1996, p. 1 (2. 2 (A) (1) (a), (2) (a) and (B) (2))  
see OJ No C 114, 29. 4. 1991, p. 1 (II.B(3))  
Language to be used for the marking: English  
Supplementary markings: AZ0045 (E1); GG0076 (E2); AM0023 (E3)
11. **Method of mobilization**: the Community market
12. **Stage of supply**: free at destination
13. **Port of shipment**: —
14. **Port of landing specified by the recipient**: —
15. **Port of landing**: —
16. **Address of the warehouse and, if appropriate, port of landing**: ICRC Tbilissi, Dutu Megreli Road 1, 380003 Tbilissi
17. **Period for making the goods available at the port of shipment where the supply is awarded at the port of shipment stage**: 28. 4. — 11. 5. 1997
18. **Deadline for the supply**: 1. 6. 1997
19. **Procedure for determining the costs of supply**: invitation to tender
20. **Date of expiry of the period allowed for submission of tenders**: 12 noon (Brussels time) on 8. 4. 1997
21. **In the case of a second invitation to tender**:
  - (a) deadline for the submission of tenders: 12 noon (Brussels time) on 22. 4. 1997
  - (b) period for making the goods available at the port of shipment where the supply is awarded at the port of shipment stage: 12 — 25. 5. 1997
  - (c) deadline for the supply: 15. 6. 1997
22. **Amount of tendering security**: ECU 5 per tonne
23. **Amount of delivery security**: 10 % of the amount of the tender in ecus
24. **Address for submission of tenders and tendering securities** (1): Bureau de l'aide alimentaire, à l'attention de Monsieur T. Vestergaard, bâtiment Loi 130, bureau 7/46, rue de la Loi/Wetstraat 200, B-1049 Brussels  
(telex: 25670 AGREC B; fax: (32 2) 296 70 03/296 70 04 (exclusively))
25. **Refund payable on application by the successful tenderer** (4): refund applicable on 31. 3. 1997, fixed by Commission Regulation (EC) No 370/97 (OJ No L 60, 1. 3. 1997, p. 16)

## LOT F

1. **Operation No** (1): 1185/95
2. **Programme**: 1995
3. **Recipient** (2): Angola
4. **Representative of the recipient**: UTA/ACP/UE, Rua Rainha Jinga No 6, Luanda, Angola  
(tel.: (24 42) 39 34 30/39 12 77; fax: 39 25 31; telex: (0991) 3397 DEL CEE AN)
5. **Place or country of destination** (3): Angola
6. **Product to be mobilized**: maize flour
7. **Characteristics and quality of the goods** (4) (7): see OJ No C 114, 29. 4. 1991, p. 1 (II.B (1)(b))
8. **Total quantity (tonnes)**: 1 200
9. **Number of lots**: one in three parts (F1: 420 tonnes; F2: 582 tonnes; F3: 198 tonnes)
10. **Packaging and marking** (8) (9):  
see OJ No C 267, 13. 9. 1996, p. 1 (2.2 (A) (1) (a), (2) (a) and (B) (1))  
see OJ No C 114, 29. 4. 1991, p. 1 (II.B (3))  
Language to be used for the marking: Portuguese
11. **Method of mobilization**: the Community market
12. **Stage of supply**: free at destination (10)
13. **Port of shipment**: —
14. **Port of landing specified by the recipient**: —
15. **Port of landing**: —
16. **Address of the warehouse and, if appropriate, port of landing**: Magasins: F1: Somatradin (près port de Luanda) F2: A.M.I (près port de Lobito) F3: Socosul — Lubango (180 km de Namibe)
17. **Period for making the goods available at the port of shipment where the supply is awarded at the port of shipment stage**: 28. 4. — 11. 5. 1997
18. **Deadline for the supply**: F1: 8. 6. 1997; F2: 22. 6. 1997; F3: 6. 7. 1997
19. **Procedure for determining the costs of supply**: invitation to tender
20. **Date of expiry of the period allowed for submission of tenders**: 12 noon (Brussels time) on 8. 4. 1997
21. **In the case of a second invitation to tender**:
  - (a) deadline for the submission of tenders: 12 noon (Brussels time) on 22. 4. 1997
  - (b) period for making the goods available at the port of shipment where the supply is awarded at the port of shipment stage: 12 — 25. 5. 1997
  - (c) deadline for the supply: F1: 22. 6. 1997; F2: 6. 7. 1997; F3: 20. 7. 1997
22. **Amount of tendering security**: ECU 5 per tonne
23. **Amount of delivery security**: 10 % of the amount of the tender in ecus
24. **Address for submission of tenders and tendering securities** (11): Bureau de l'aide alimentaire, Attn Mr T. Vestergaard, Bâtiment Loi 130, bureau 7/46, 200 rue de la Loi/Wetstraat, B-1049 Brussels (telex: 25670 AGREC B; fax: (32 2) 296 70 03 / 296 70 04 (exclusively))
25. **Refund payable on application by the successful tenderer** (12): refund applicable on 31. 3. 1997, fixed by Commission Regulation (EC) No 370/97 (OJ No L 60, 1. 3. 1997, p. 16)

*Notes:*

- (<sup>1</sup>) The operation number should be mentioned in all correspondence.
- (<sup>2</sup>) The successful tenderer shall contact the recipient as soon as possible to establish which consignment documents are required.
- (<sup>3</sup>) The successful tenderer shall deliver to the beneficiary a certificate from an official entity certifying that for the product to be delivered the standards applicable, relative to nuclear radiation, in the Member State concerned, have not been exceeded. The radioactivity certificate must indicate the caesium-134 and -137 and iodine-131 levels.
- (<sup>4</sup>) Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2330/87 (OJ No L 210, 1. 8. 1987, p. 56), as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2226/89 (OJ No L 214, 25. 7. 1989, p. 10), is applicable as regards the export refund. The date referred to in Article 2 of the said Regulation is that referred to in point 25 of this Annex.
- The amount of the refund, shall be converted into national currency by applying the agricultural conversion rate applicable on the day of completion of the customs export formalities. The provisions of Articles 13 to 17 of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1068/93 (OJ No L 108, 1. 5. 1993, p. 106), as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1482/96 (OJ No L 188, 27. 7. 1996, p. 22), shall not apply to this amount.
- (<sup>5</sup>) Commission delegation to be contacted by the successful tenderer: OJ No C 114, 29. 4. 1991, p. 33.
- (<sup>6</sup>) Shipment to take place in 20-foot containers condition FCL/FCL (each containing 20 tonnes net).
- The supplier shall be responsible for the cost of making the containers available in the stack position at the container terminal at the port of shipment. The recipient shall be responsible for all subsequent loading costs, including the cost of moving the containers from the container terminal. The provisions of Article 13 (2), second paragraph, of Regulation (EEC) No 2200/87 shall not apply.
- The successful tenderer has to submit to the recipient's agent a complete packing list of each container, specifying number of bags belonging to each shipping number as specified in the invitation to tender.
- The successful tenderer has to seal each container with a numbered locktainer (Sysko locktainer 180 seal), the number of which is to be provided to the beneficiary's forwarder.
- (<sup>7</sup>) The successful tenderer shall supply to the beneficiary or its representative, on delivery, the following documents:
- phytosanitary certificate, (D1: + expiry date),
  - lots D and E: fumigation certificate (the cargo shall be fumigated before shipment with phosphine gas).
- (<sup>8</sup>) Notwithstanding OJ No C 114, point II.A (3)(c) or II.B (3)(c) is replaced by the following: 'the words "European Community"'.
- (<sup>9</sup>) Since the goods may be rebagged, the successful tenderer must provide 2 % of empty bags of the same quality as those containing the goods, with the marking followed by a capital 'R'.
- (<sup>10</sup>) Notwithstanding Articles 7 (3) (d) of Regulation (EEC) No 2200/87, the tender may indicate two ports of shipment not necessarily belonging to the same port area.
- (<sup>11</sup>) The supplier should send a duplicate of the original invoice to: Scheuer Assurantie, Postbus 1315, NL-1000 Amsterdam.
- (<sup>12</sup>) Notwithstanding Articles 7 (3) (i) and 13 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 2200/87 the price tendered must include all loading, handling, stowage and trimming costs.
- (<sup>13</sup>) D1: The flour must be enriched by the addition of 30 mg iron per kilogram.
- (<sup>14</sup>) The successful tenderer shall bear the port costs and charges (EP-14, EP-15 and EP-17, etc.). Notwithstanding the second paragraph of Article 15 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 2200/87, the costs and charges relating to customs formalities on importation are borne by the successful tenderer and are deemed to be included in the tender.
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