

**COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 55/2005****of 14 January 2005****opening a standing invitation to tender for the resale on the internal market of paddy rice held by the Italian intervention agency**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

*Article 2*

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

1. The closing date for the submission of tenders in response to the first partial invitation to tender shall be 26 January 2005.

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1785/2003 of 29 September 2003 on the common organisation of the market in rice<sup>(1)</sup>, and in particular Article 7(4) and (5) thereof,

2. The closing date for the submission of tenders in response to the last partial invitation to tender shall be 30 March 2005.

Whereas:

3. Tenders must be lodged with the Italian intervention agency:

(1) Commission Regulation (EEC) No 75/91<sup>(2)</sup> lays down the procedures and conditions for the disposal of paddy rice held by intervention agencies.

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(2) The Italian intervention agency has been storing a very significant quantity of paddy rice for a very long time. A standing invitation to tender should therefore be opened for the resale on the internal market of some 20 397 tonnes of paddy rice held by that agency.

(3) The Management Committee for Cereals has not delivered an opinion within the time limit set by its chairman,

*Article 3*

As an exception to Article 19 of Regulation (EEC) No 75/91, the Italian intervention agency shall inform the Commission, no later than the Tuesday of the week following the closing date for the submission of tenders, of the quantity and average prices of the various lots sold, broken down by group where appropriate.

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

*Article 1*

Under the conditions laid down in Regulation (EC) No 75/91, the Italian intervention agency shall launch a standing invitation to tender for the resale on the internal market of the quantities of paddy rice held by it, as set out in the Annex to this Regulation.

*Article 4*

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

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

Done at Brussels, 14 January 2005.

*For the Commission*  
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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 270, 21.10.2003, p. 96.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 9, 12.1.1991, p. 15.

## ANNEX

Group	1
Quantity (approximate)	20 397 t
Harvest year	1999
Rice types	all