

COMMISSION REGULATION (EU) No 1190/2009**of 3 December 2009****fixing the maximum reduction in the duty on maize imported under the invitation to tender issued in Regulation (EC) No 676/2009**

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 of 22 October 2007 establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products ('Single CMO' Regulation) ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 144(1) in conjunction with Article 4 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) An invitation to tender for the maximum reduction in the duty on maize imported into Spain from third countries was opened by Commission Regulation (EC) No 676/2009 ⁽²⁾.
- (2) Under Article 8 of Commission Regulation (EC) No 1296/2008 of 18 December 2008 laying down detailed rules for the application of tariff quotas for imports of maize and sorghum into Spain and imports of maize into Portugal ⁽³⁾ the Commission, in accordance the procedure laid down in Article 195(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007, may decide to fix a maximum

reduction in the import duty. In fixing this maximum the criteria provided for in Articles 7 and 8 of Regulation (EC) No 1296/2008 must be taken into account.

- (3) A contract is awarded to any tenderer whose tender is equal to or less than the maximum reduction in the duty.
- (4) The Management Committee for the Common Organisation of Agricultural Markets has not delivered an opinion within the time limit set by its Chair,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

For tenders lodged from 27 November to 3 December 2009 under the invitation to tender issued in Regulation (EC) No 676/2009, the maximum reduction in the duty on maize imported shall be 17,33 EUR/t for a total maximum quantity of 55 700 t.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 4 December 2009.

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

Done at Brussels, 3 December 2009.

*For the Commission,
On behalf of the President,
Jean-Luc DEMARTY
Director-General for Agriculture and
Rural Development*

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 299, 16.11.2007, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 196, 28.7.2009, p. 6.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 340, 19.12.2008, p. 57.