

**COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 605/1999**  
of 19 March 1999

**fixing the maximum export refund on wholly milled round grain, medium grain  
and long grain A rice in connection with the invitation to tender issued in  
Regulation (EC) No 2564/98**

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

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 of  
22 December 1995 on the common organisation of the  
market in rice <sup>(1)</sup>, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No  
2072/98 <sup>(2)</sup>, and in particular Article 13(3) thereof,

Whereas an invitation to tender for the export refund on  
rice was issued pursuant to Commission Regulation (EC)  
No 2564/98 <sup>(3)</sup>;

Whereas Article 5 of Commission Regulation (EEC) No  
584/75 <sup>(4)</sup>, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 299/  
95 <sup>(5)</sup>, allows the Commission to fix, in accordance with  
the procedure laid down in Article 22 of Regulation (EC)  
No 3072/95 and on the basis of the tenders submitted, a  
maximum export refund; whereas in fixing this  
maximum, the criteria provided for in Article 13 of Regu-  
lation (EC) No 3072/95 must be taken into account;  
whereas a contract is awarded to any tenderer whose  
tender is equal to or less than the maximum export  
refund;

Whereas the application of the abovementioned criteria  
to the current market situation for the rice in question  
results in the maximum export refund being fixed at the  
amount specified in Article 1;

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

*Article 1*

The maximum export refund on wholly milled round  
grain, medium grain and long grain A rice to be exported  
to certain third countries pursuant to the invitation to  
tender issued in Regulation (EC) No 2564/98 is hereby  
fixed on the basis of the tenders submitted from 15 to 18  
March 1999 at EUR 125,00 per tonne.

*Article 2*

This Regulation shall enter into force on 20 March 1999.

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

Done at Brussels, 19 March 1999.

*For the Commission*

Franz FISCHLER

*Member of the Commission*

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 329, 30. 12. 1995, p. 18.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 265, 30. 9. 1998, p. 4.

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ L 320, 28. 11. 1998, p. 43.

<sup>(4)</sup> OJ L 61, 7. 3. 1975, p. 25.

<sup>(5)</sup> OJ L 35, 15. 2. 1995, p. 8.