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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 establishing a common organisation of the markets in agricultural products and repealing Council Regulations (EEC) No 922/72, (EEC) No 234/79, (EC) No 1037/2001 and (EC) No 1234/2007[(1)],

Having regard to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/1240 of 18 May 2016 laying down rules for the application of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to public intervention and aid for private storage[(2)], and in particular Article 28 thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/2080[(3)] has opened the sale of skimmed milk powder by a tendering procedure. It provided initially for two partial invitations to tender per month, except for August and December.

(2) Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/472[(4)] amended Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/2080 by reducing the number of periods during which tenders may be submitted to one per month and eliminating the provision for such a period in the month of August.

(3) Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/995[(5)] amended Regulation (EU) 2016/2080 by increasing the number of periods during which tenders may be submitted to two per month and introducing the provision for such a period in the month of August.

(4) This increased frequency allowed for the sale of significant quantities of skimmed milk powder from public intervention stocks, reducing available quantities to slightly above 22 000 tonnes.

(5) Given the volume of the available quantity and in order to reduce administrative burden, it is appropriate to reduce again the number of periods during which tenders may be submitted to one per month.

(6) Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/2080 should therefore be amended accordingly.

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/282. (See end of Document for details)

(7) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Committee for the Common Organisation of the Agricultural Markets,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Article 2(2) of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/2080 is replaced by the following:

2. The periods during which tenders may be submitted in response to subsequent partial invitations shall begin on the first working day following the end of the preceding period. They shall end at 11.00 (Brussels time) on the third Tuesday of the month. However, in August the period shall end at 11.00 (Brussels time) on the fourth Tuesday and in December the period shall end at 11.00 (Brussels time) on the second Tuesday. If Tuesday is a public holiday the time limit shall be 11.00 (Brussels time) on the previous working day.

Article 2

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, 15 February 2019.

For the Commission,

On behalf of the President,

Phil HOGAN

Member of the Commission