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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)], and in particular Article 18(2), Article 20(c), (f), (l), (m) and (n), and Article 223(3)(c) thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EU) No 1370/2013 of 16 December 2013 determining measures on fixing certain aids and refunds related to the common organisation of the markets in agricultural products[(2)] and in particular Article 4 thereof,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on the financing, management and monitoring of the common agricultural policy and repealing Council Regulations (EEC) No 352/78, (EC) No 165/94, (EC) No 2799/98, (EC) No 814/2000, (EC) No 1290/2005 and (EC) No 485/2008[(3)], and in particular Article 62(2)(b) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Commission Implementing Regulations (EU) No 947/2014[(4)] and (EU) No 948/2014[(5)] opened private storage for butter and skimmed milk powder, respectively, in view of the particular difficult market situation, notably resulting from the ban introduced by the Russian government on imports of dairy products from the Union to Russia.

(2) Those private storage schemes have been extended by Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1337/2014[(6)] which provides that applications for aid can be lodged until 28 February 2015.

(3) Prices of butter and skimmed milk powder in the Union are still fragile.

(4) In view of the current market situation it is appropriate to extend by 7 months the private storage aid schemes for butter and skimmed milk powder.

***Changes to legislation:** There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/303. (See end of Document for details)*

(5) In order to avoid an interruption of the possibility for lodging applications under the schemes this Regulation should enter into force on the day following that of its publication.

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Amendment to Implementing Regulation (EU) No 947/2014

In Article 5 of Implementing Regulation (EU) No 947/2014, ‘28 February 2015’ is replaced by ‘30 September 2015’.

Article 2

Amendment to Implementing Regulation (EU) No 948/2014

In Article 5 of Implementing Regulation (EU) No 948/2014, ‘28 February 2015’ is replaced by ‘30 September 2015’.

Article 3

Entry into force

This Regulation shall enter into force on the 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, 25 February 2015.

For the Commission

The President

Jean-Claude JUNCKER