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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 192(2) in conjunction with Article 4 thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Annex I to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1295/2008[(2)] lists the agencies in third countries which are authorised to issue the attestations accompanying hop products imported from those countries. Those attestations are recognised as equivalent to the certificate provided for in Article 117 of Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007.

(2) Argentina has communicated, for the first time, two competent agencies authorised to issue equivalent attestations. These agencies must, therefore, be added to the list in Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 1295/2008.

(3) Regulation (EC) No 1295/2008 should be amended accordingly.

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 1295/2008 is hereby replaced by the text in the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the seventh 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, 12 July 2012.

For the Commission

The President

José Manuel BARROSO