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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 187, in conjunction with Article 4 thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1239/2011[(2)] opened a standing invitation to tender for the 2011/2012 marketing year for imports of sugar of CN code 1701 at a reduced customs duty.

(2) In accordance with Article 6 of Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1239/2011, the Commission is to decide, in the light of the tenders received in response to a partial invitation to tender, either to fix a minimum customs duty or not to fix a minimum customs duty per eight-digit CN code.

(3) On the basis of the tenders received for the sixth partial invitation to tender, a minimum customs duty should be fixed for certain eight-digit codes for sugar falling within CN code 1701 and no minimum customs duty should be fixed for the other eight-digit codes for sugar falling within that CN code.

(4) In order to give a rapid signal to the market and to ensure efficient management of the measure, this Regulation should enter into force on the day of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

(5) 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 the sixth partial invitation to tender within the tendering procedure opened by Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1239/2011, in respect of which the time limit for the submission of tenders expired on 23 May 2012, a minimum customs duty has been

fixed, or has not been fixed, as set out in the Annex to this Regulation for the eight-digit codes for sugar falling within CN code 1701.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day 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, 24 May 2012.

For the Commission, On behalf of the President,

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Director-General for Agriculture and Rural Development