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THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003 of 29 September 2003 establishing common rules for direct support schemes under the common agricultural policy and establishing certain support schemes for farmers and amending Regulations (EEC) No 2019/93, (EC) No 1452/2001, (EC) No 1453/2001, (EC) No 1454/2001, (EC) No 1868/94, (EC) No 1251/1999, (EC) No 1254/1999, (EC) No 1673/2000, (EEC) No 2358/71 and (EC) No 2529/2001[(1)], and in particular Article 12(4) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003 sets out, for each Member State, the national ceilings for the additional amounts of aid referred to in Article 12 of that Regulation.

(2) The results of the review referred to in Article 12(4) of Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003 show that the ceilings set out in Annex II no longer reflect the structural situation of the holdings. The ceilings which are to apply from 2008 onwards should therefore be adjusted.

(3) Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003 should therefore be amended accordingly.

(4) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Direct Payments,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003 shall be replaced by the text of the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third day following 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, 1 April 2008.

For the Commission

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