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(Acts whose publication is obligatory)

Commission Regulation (EC) No 1993/2006

of 21 December 2006

laying down transitional measures as regards exports of milk and milk products pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1282/2006, by reason of the accession of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty of Accession of Bulgaria and Romania, and in particular Article 4(3) thereof,

Having regard to the Act of Accession of Bulgaria and Romania, and in particular Article 41 thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Article 3(2) of Commission Regulation (EC) No 1282/2006 of 17 August 2006 laying down special detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EC) No 1255/1999 as regards export licences and export refunds in the case of milk and milk products[1] provides that, for a refund to be granted, the products must meet the requirements laid down in Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 of the European Parliament and the Council of 29 April 2004 laying down specific hygiene rules for food of animal origin[2]. Notably, the products must be prepared in an approved establishment and comply with the health marking requirements specified in Articles 4 and 5 of Regulation (EC) No 853/2004.

(2) Commission Decision 2006/…/EC (C(2006) 7028) of 22 December 2006 laying down transitional measures for the marketing of certain products of animal origin obtained in Bulgaria and Romania[3] lays down measures to facilitate the transition from the existing regime in Bulgaria and Romania to that resulting from the application of the Community veterinary legislation. According to Article 3 of that Decision, Member States shall authorise trade from 1 January to 31 December 2007 in products which are obtained in establishments in Bulgaria and Romania authorised to export milk

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1 OJ L 234, 29.8.2006, p. 4.

2 OJ L 139, 30.4.2004, p. 55. Corrected version in OJ L 226, 25.6.2004, p. 22. Regulation as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 2076/2005 (OJ L 338, 22.12.2005, p. 83).

3 Not yet published in the Official Journal.