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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 1255/1999 of 17 May 1999 on the common organisation of the market in milk and milk products[(1)],

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 796/2006 of 29 May 2006 suspending the buying-in of butter at 90 % of the intervention price and opening the buying-in by tendering for the period expiring on 31 August 2006[(2)], and in particular Article 2(2) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Regulation (EC) No 796/2006 has opened the buying-in of butter by tendering for the period expiring on 31 August 2006 in accordance with the third subparagraph of Article 6(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1255/1999.

(2) On the basis of most recent communications by Latvia, the Commission has observed that the butter market prices have been equal or above 92 % of the intervention price for two consecutive weeks. Intervention buying-in by tendering should therefore be suspended in this Member State. This Member State should therefore be removed from the list set out in Regulation (EC) No 796/2006.

(3) Regulation (EC) No 796/2006 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

In Article 2 of Regulation (EC) No 796/2006, paragraph 1 is replaced by the following:

1. Buying-in of butter by tendering, as provided for in the third subparagraph of Article 6(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1255/1999, is hereby open from 10 June to 31 August 2006 in the following Member States, under the conditions provided for in Section 3a of Regulation (EC) No 2771/1999: Belgium, Czech Republic, Germany, Estonia, Spain, France, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Finland, Sweden and United Kingdom.

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, 9 June 2006.

For the Commission

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