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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 104/2000 of 17 December 1999 on the common organisation of the markets in fishery and aquaculture products[(1)], and in particular Article 2(3) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Article 2(1) of Regulation (EC) No 104/2000 provides that common marketing standards may be determined for the products or groups of these products listed in Article 1 of that Regulation.

(2) Annex IV to Regulation (EC) No 104/2000 lists certain species which are subject to intervention mechanisms. The 2003 Act of Accession provided for sprat to be added to that Annex.

(3) The setting of common marketing standards, harmonised throughout the Community, is of particular importance for the proper operation of the intervention mechanisms laid down in Regulation (EC) No 104/2000.

(4) Council Regulation (EC) No 2406/96 of 26 November 1996 laying down common marketing standards for certain fishery products[(2)], does not fix standards for sprat. That Regulation should be amended in order to cover sprat.

(5) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Fishery Products,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Regulation (EC) No 2406/96 is amended as follows:

1. in Article 3(1)(a), the following indent is added:
   — Sprat (*Sprattus sprattus*);

2. Annexes I and II are amended as follows:

   (a) in Annex I, point B (Bluefish), the word ‘sprat’ is added;

(b) in Annex II, the entry set out in the text in the Annex to this Regulation is added.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the seventh 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, 25 May 2005.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission