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THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 2037/2000 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 June 2000 on substances that deplete the ozone layer[(1)], and in particular the third sentence of the fifteenth indent of Article 2 thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Taking account of new information and technical developments reported by the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel in its progress report dated April 2002[(2)] on controlled substances used as chemical processing agents, Annex VI of Regulation (EC) No 2037/2000 should be modified as a result of Decision X/14[(3)] and Decision XV/6[(4)] adopted at the 10th (1998) and 15th Meetings (2003) of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol, respectively.

(2) More specifically, Decision XV/6 adds the processing agent carbon tetrachloride for producing cyclodime (a solvent); and deletes the use of CFC 113 as a process agent in the manufacture of vinorelbine (a pharmaceutical product) and the use of carbon tetrachloride as a process agent in the production of tralomethrine (an insecticide).

(3) Regulation (EC) No 2037/2000 should be amended accordingly.

(4) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Committee established by Article 18(1) of Regulation (EC) No 2037/2000.

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Annex VI to Regulation (EC) No 2037/2000 is replaced by the text amended as set out in the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the twentieth day following that 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, 3 December 2004.

For the Commission

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