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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 3072/95 of 22 December 1995 on the common organisation of the market in rice[(1)], and in particular Article 8(b) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Commission Regulation (EC) No 204/2004 opening a standing invitation to tender for the resale on the Community market of rice from the 1998 and 1999 harvests held by the Italian intervention agency[(2)].

(2) The situation of the market in rice currently offers opportunities for disposing of additional quantities, particularly in the case of broken rice. The quantities of rice sold under Regulation (EC) No 204/2004 should therefore be supplemented by a further quantity of rice held by the Italian intervention agency.

(3) In order to dispose of the remaining quantities, the standing invitation to tender opened by Regulation (EC) No 204/2004 should be extended by making provision for additional partial invitations to tender in July and August 2004.

(4) Regulation (EC) No 204/2004 should therefore be amended accordingly.

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Article 5(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 204/2004 are hereby replaced by the following:

2. The time limit for submission of tenders under subsequent partial invitations to tender shall be 12.00 (Brussels time) each Tuesday thereafter: 2 March 2004, 16 March 2004, 30 March 2004, 13 April 2004, 27 April 2004, 11 May 2004, 25 May 2004, 8 June 2004 and 27 July 2004. The period for the submission of tenders shall commence on the Wednesday before the closing date in each case.

Changes to legislation: *There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Commission Regulation (EC) No 1276/2004. (See end of Document for details)*

3 The period for the submission of tenders for the last partial invitation to tender shall commence on 4 August 2004 and end on 10 August 2004 at 12.00 (Brussels time).

Tenders must be lodged with the Italian intervention agency:

Ente Nazionale Risi (ENR)

Piazza Pio XI, 1

I-20123 Milano

Tel.: (39-02) 885 51 11

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Article 2

Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 204/2004 is hereby replaced by the Annex hereto.

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on the 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, 12 July 2004.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission