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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 2771/1999 of 16 December 1999 laying down detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EC) No 1255/1999 as regards intervention on the market in butter and cream[(2)], and in particular Article 2(1) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Article 2 of Regulation (EC) No 2771/1999 lays down that buying-in is to be opened at 90 % of the intervention price or suspended by the Commission in a Member State, as appropriate, once it is observed that, for two weeks in succession, the market price in that Member State is below or equal to or above 92 % of the intervention price.

(2) On the basis of the market prices communicated by the new Member States from 1 May 2004 onwards, the Commission has observed that the prices in Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, the Czech Republic and Slovakia have been below 92 % of the intervention price for two consecutive weeks. Intervention buying-in should therefore be opened in these Member States,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Buying-in of butter as provided for in the first subparagraph of Article 6(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1255/1999 is hereby opened in Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, the Czech Republic and Slovakia.

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.

Changes to legislation: *There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Commission Regulation (EC) No 1252/2004. (See end of Document for details)*

Done at Brussels, 7 July 2004.

For the Commission

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