COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1200/2003
of 4 July 2003
suspending the buying-in of butter in certain Member States

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], as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 806/2003 [2],

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 [3], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 359/2003 [4], and in particular Article 2 thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Article 2 of Regulation (EC) No 2771/1999 lays down that buying-in by invitation to tender is to be opened 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) Commission Regulation (EC) No 906/2003 suspending the buying-in of butter in certain Member States [5] establishes the most recent list of Member States in which intervention is suspended. This list must be adjusted as a result of the market prices communicated by the United Kingdom under Article 8 of Regulation (EC) No 2771/1999. In the interests of clarity, the list in question should be replaced and Regulation (EC) No 906/2003 should be repealed,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Buying-in of butter by invitation to tender as provided for in Article 6(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1255/1999 is hereby suspended in Belgium, Denmark, Greece, the Netherlands, Austria, Luxembourg, Finland and the United Kingdom.

Article 2

Regulation (EC) No 906/2003 is hereby repealed.

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on 5 July 2003.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 4 July 2003.

For the Commission
Franz FISCHLER
Member of the Commission

[1] OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 48.
[2] OJ L 122, 16.5.2003, p. 1.
[3] OJ L 333, 24.12.1999, p. 11.
[4] OJ L 53, 28.2.2003, p. 17.
[5] OJ L 128, 24.5.2003, p. 3.