COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 10/2002

of 4 January 2002

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 Regulation (EC) No 1670/2000 (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 1614/2001 (4), and in particular Article 2 thereof,

Whereas:

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 2281/2001 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 Finland 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 In the interests of clarity, the list in question should be replaced and Regulation (EC) No 2281/2001 should be repealed,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, Luxembourg, Denmark, Greece and Austria.

Article 2

Regulation (EC) No 2281/2001 is hereby repealed.

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on 5 January 2002.

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

Done at Brussels, 4 January 2002.

For the Commission Franz FISCHLER Member of the Commission

OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 48. OJ L 193, 29.7.2000, p. 10. OJ L 333, 24.12.1999, p. 11. OJ L 214, 8.8.2001, p. 20.