

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1236/2004**of 5 July 2004****amending Regulation (EC) No 2771/1999 laying down detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EC) No 1255/1999 as regards intervention on the market in butter and cream**

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⁾, and in particular Article 10 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Article 21 of Commission Regulation (EC) No 2771/1999⁽²⁾ lays down that intervention butter placed on sale must have entered into storage before 1 September 1999.
- (2) Given the situation on the butter market and the quantities of butter in intervention storage and considering that the reduction in the intervention price for butter

as from 1 July 2004 should be reflected in reduced market prices it is appropriate that butter in storage before 1 April 2002 should be available for sale.

- (3) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Milk and Milk Products,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

In Article 21 of Regulation (EC) No 2771/1999, '1 September 1999' is replaced by '1 April 2002'.

Article 2

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, 5 July 2004.

For the Commission

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⁽¹⁾ OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 48. Regulation as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 186/2004, (OJ L 29, 3.2.2004, p. 6).

⁽²⁾ OJ L 333, 24.12.1999, p. 11. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 318/2004 (OJ L 55, 24.2.2004, p. 44).