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(Acts whose publication is obligatory)

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1229/2004
of 2 July 2004
establishing the standard import values for determining the entry price of certain fruit and vegetables

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 3223/94 of 21 December 1994 on detailed rules for the application of the import arrangements for fruit and vegetables⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 4(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Regulation (EC) No 3223/94 lays down, pursuant to the outcome of the Uruguay Round multilateral trade negotiations, the criteria whereby the Commission fixes the standard values for imports from third countries, in respect of the products and periods stipulated in the Annex thereto.

- (2) In compliance with the above criteria, the standard import values must be fixed at the levels set out in the Annex to this Regulation,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The standard import values referred to in Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 3223/94 shall be fixed as indicated in the Annex hereto.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 3 July 2004.

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

Done at Brussels, 2 July 2004.

For the Commission
J. M. SILVA RODRÍGUEZ
Agriculture Director-General

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 337, 24.12.1994, p. 66. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1947/2002 (OJ L 299, 1.11.2002, p. 17).

ANNEX

to the Commission Regulation of 2 July 2004 establishing the standard import values for determining the entry price of certain fruit and vegetables

(EUR/100 kg)		
CN code	Third country code ⁽¹⁾	Standard import value
0702 00 00	052	57,9
	999	57,9
0707 00 05	052	82,6
	999	82,6
0709 90 70	052	83,4
	999	83,4
0805 50 10	388	59,2
	508	49,3
	524	57,7
	528	53,9
	999	55,0
0808 10 20, 0808 10 50, 0808 10 90	388	86,4
	400	99,8
	404	105,7
	508	68,1
	512	80,2
	528	68,6
	720	94,0
	804	93,1
	999	87,0
0808 20 50	388	100,2
	512	89,4
	528	77,1
	999	88,9
0809 10 00	052	228,8
	092	165,3
	624	104,3
	999	166,1
0809 20 95	052	305,9
	068	127,8
	400	344,4
	999	259,4
0809 30 10, 0809 30 90	052	152,4
	624	106,1
	999	129,3
0809 40 05	052	107,2
	512	91,6
	624	190,3
	999	129,7

⁽¹⁾ Country nomenclature as fixed by Commission Regulation (EC) No 2081/2003 (OJ L 313, 28.11.2003, p. 11). Code '999' stands for 'of other origin'.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1230/2004
of 2 July 2004
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⁾,

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 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 578/2004 ⁽³⁾ 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 France pursuant to Article 8 of Regulation (EC) No 2771/1999. In the interests of clarity, the list in question should be replaced and Regulation (EC) No 578/2004 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, France, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Austria and Finland.

Article 2

Regulation (EC) No 578/2004 is hereby repealed.

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on 3 July 2004.

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

Done at Brussels, 2 July 2004.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽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 359/2003 (OJ L 53, 28.2.2003, p. 17).

⁽³⁾ OJ L 90, 27.3.2004, p. 53.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1231/2004**of 1 July 2004****amending Regulation (EC) No 2659/94 on detailed rules for the granting of private storage aid for Grana padano, Parmigiano-Reggiano and Provolone cheeses**

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(b) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Article 6(1) of Commission Regulation (EC) No 2659/94⁽²⁾ lays down the amounts of private storage aid for Grana padano, Parmigiano-Reggiano and Provolone cheeses. In order to take account of the development in storage costs and of market price forecasts, it is necessary to amend those amounts.
- (2) Regulation (EC) No 2659/94 should be amended accordingly.
- (3) The Management Committee for Milk and Milk Products has not delivered an opinion within the time limit set by its chairman,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Article 6(1) of Regulation (EC) No 2659/94 is hereby replaced by the following:

‘1. The amount of private storage aid for cheese shall be as follows:

- (a) EUR 10 per tonne for the fixed costs;
- (b) EUR 0,25 per tonne per day of storage under contract for the warehousing costs;
- (c) for the financial costs, per day of storage under contract:
 - EUR 0,32 per tonne for Grana padano;
 - EUR 0,52 per tonne for Parmigiano-Reggiano;
 - EUR 0,26 per tonne for Provolone.’

*Article 2*This Regulation shall enter into force on the third day following 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, 1 July 2004.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

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

⁽²⁾ OJ L 284, 1.11.1994, p. 26. Regulation last amended by Regulation (EC) No 830/2003 (OJ L 120, 15.5.2003, p. 13).

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1232/2004

of 2 July 2004

amending Regulation (EC) No 14/2004 as regards Community aid for the supply of dairy products to Madeira and the Canary Islands

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1453/2001 of 28 June 2001 introducing specific measures for certain agricultural products for the Azores and Madeira and repealing Regulation (EEC) No 1600/92 (Poseima)⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 3(6) thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1454/2001 of 28 June 2001 introducing specific measures for certain agricultural products for the Canary Islands and repealing Regulation (EEC) No 1601/92 (Poseican)⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 3(6) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Detailed rules for establishing the supply balances and Community aid for the supply of certain essential products for human consumption, for processing and as agricultural inputs and for the supply of live animals and eggs to the outermost regions under Council Regulations (EC) No 1452/2001⁽³⁾, (EC) No 1453/2001 and (EC) No 1454/2001 have been laid down in Commission Regulation (EC) No 14/2004⁽⁴⁾.

(2) Commission Regulation (EC) No 580/2004 of 26 March 2004 establishing a tender procedure concerning export refunds for certain milk products⁽⁵⁾ introduces a new method of fixing export refunds.

(3) The tender procedure for certain milk products will result in the fixing of more than one rate of refund on the same product to the same destination.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 198, 21.7.2001, p. 26. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 55/2004 (OJ L 8, 14.1.2004, p. 1).

⁽²⁾ OJ L 198, 21.7.2001, p. 45. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003 (OJ L 270, 21.10.2003, p. 1).

⁽³⁾ OJ L 198, 21.7.2001, p. 11. Regulation as amended by Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 3, 7.1.2004, p. 6.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 90, 27.3.2004, p. 58.

(4) It is therefore necessary to indicate in Annexes III and V to Regulation (EC) No 14/2004 concerning Madeira and the Canary Islands respectively that the aid should be equal to the highest amount of the refund for products falling within the same CN code. In order to avoid any insecurity for the operators and national authorities, this change should apply as from 1 April 2004, date of entry into force of Regulation (EC) No 580/2004.

(5) It should be specified that the butter awarded in accordance with Commission Regulation (EC) No 2571/97 of 15 December 1997 on the sale of butter at reduced prices and the granting of aid for cream, butter and concentrated butter for use in the manufacture of pastry products, ice-cream and other food-stuffs⁽⁶⁾ should receive the aid amount indicated in column II of Annexes III and V to Regulation (EC) No 14/2004 when supplied to the Canary Islands and Madeira.

(6) Regulation (EC) No 14/2004 should therefore be amended accordingly.

(7) 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

Regulation (EC) No 14/2004 is amended as follows

1. In part 6 of Annex III, footnotes 2 and 3 are replaced by the following:

⁽²⁾ The products concerned and the related footnotes are the same as those covered by the Commission Regulation fixing the export refunds pursuant to Article 31 of Council Regulation (EC) No 1255/1999 (OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 48).

⁽⁶⁾ OJ L 350, 20.12.1997, p. 3. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 921/2004 (OJ L 163, 30.4.2004, p. 94).

(³) The amount shall be equal to the refund for products falling within the same CN code granted pursuant to Article 31 of Regulation (EC) No 1255/1999. Where the refunds granted pursuant to Article 31 of that Regulation have more than one rate as defined in Article 2(1) (e) and (1)(l) of Commission Regulation (EC) No 800/1999 (OJ L 102, 17.4.1999, p. 11), the amount shall be equal to the highest amount of the refund for products falling within the same CN code (Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3846/87 (OJ L 366, 24.12.1987, p. 1)).

However, for the butter awarded in accordance with Commission Regulation (EC) No 2571/97 (OJ L 350, 20.12.1997, p. 3) the amount shall be as indicated in column II.'

2. In part 11 of Annex V, footnote 4 is replaced by the following:

'(⁴) The amount shall be equal to the refund for products falling within the same CN code granted pursuant to Article 31 of Regulation (EC) No 1255/1999. Where

the refunds granted pursuant to Article 31 of that Regulation have more than one rate as defined in Article 2(1) (e) and (1)(l) of Regulation (EC) No 800/1999, the amount shall be equal to the highest amount of the refund for products falling within the same CN code (Regulation (EEC) No 3846/87).

However, for the butter awarded in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 2571/97 the amount shall be as indicated in column II.'

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

In Article 1(1), the first paragraph of the text to be inserted as footnote 3 shall apply from 1 April 2004.

In Article 1(2), the first paragraph of the text to be inserted as footnote 4 shall apply from 1 April 2004.

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

Done at Brussels, 2 July 2004.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1233/2004**of 2 July 2004****laying down transitional measures for the application of Regulation (EC) No 595/2004 concerning the levy scheme in the milk and milk products sector, by reason of the accession of the Czech Republic, Estonia, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Hungary, Malta, Poland, Slovenia and Slovakia to the European Union**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to the Treaty of Accession of the Czech Republic, Estonia, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Hungary, Malta, Poland, Slovenia and Slovakia, and in particular Article 2(3) thereof,

Having regard to the Act of Accession of the Czech Republic, Estonia, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Hungary, Malta, Poland, Slovenia and Slovakia, and in particular the first paragraph of Article 41 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Transitional measures should be laid down to enable the Czech Republic, Estonia, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Hungary, Malta, Poland, Slovenia and Slovakia (hereinafter the new Member States) to apply the levy scheme provided for in Council Regulation (EC) No 1788/2003 of 29 September 2003 establishing a levy in the milk and milk products sector⁽¹⁾.
- (2) Commission Regulation (EC) No 595/2004 of 30 March 2004 laying down detailed rules for applying Council Regulation (EC) No 1788/2003 establishing a levy in the milk and milk products sector⁽²⁾ provides that Member States shall adjust the individual reference fat contents of all producers in case of overrun of the national reference fat content. It is appropriate to provide that the new Member States should adjust the individual reference fat contents only from the second 12-month period of the application of the levy scheme in those Member States. This should provide the new Member States with a sufficient time period in order to calculate their overrun of the national reference fat content.
- (3) According to Article 12 of Regulation (EC) No 595/2004 for products marketed other than milk, Member States shall establish the quantities of milk used for processing. Where it proves difficult to establish those quantities, on

the basis of the products marketed, Member States may fix the quantities of milk equivalent on a flat-rate basis by reference to the number of dairy cows held by the producer and on an average milk yield per cow representative of the herd. Where at the beginning of the levy scheme, the high number of small producers lead to administrative difficulties, it should be possible to authorise new Member States, on the basis of a duly justified request, to use the national average milk yield instead of the average milk yield per cow representative of the herd for a limited time period.

- (4) The allocation of individual reference quantities will apply only from the period 2005/2006 as regards Poland and Slovenia in accordance with the Act of Accession, as adapted by Council Decision 2004/281/EC of 22 March 2004 adapting the Act of Accession of the Czech Republic, the Republic of Estonia, the Republic of Cyprus, the Republic of Latvia, the Republic of Lithuania, the Republic of Hungary, the Republic of Malta, the Republic of Poland, the Republic of Slovenia and the Slovak Republic and the adjustments to the Treaties on which the European Union is founded, following the reform of the common agricultural policy⁽³⁾. For those two Member States, the deadline for the submission of the report on the system for administering the national reference quantities, provided for in Regulation (EC) No 595/2004, should therefore be postponed until 1 September 2005.
- (5) According to the provisions of the Act of Accession, as adapted by Decision 2004/281/EC, the basis for the individual reference quantities for new Member States are set out in table (f) of Annex I of Regulation (EC) No 1788/2003. Therefore it is not necessary that the new Member States communicate to the Commission the division between deliveries and direct sales resulting from the first individual allocation as provided for in article 25(1) of Regulation (EC) No 595/2004.
- (6) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Milk and Milk Products,

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 270, 21.10.2003, p. 123.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 94, 31.3.2004, p. 22.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 93, 30.3.2004, p. 1.

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The Czech Republic, Estonia, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Hungary, Malta, Poland, Slovenia, and Slovakia shall apply Article 9 of Regulation (EC) No 595/2004 from the second twelve-month period of the application of the levy scheme in those Member States, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 6.A, point 13 of Annex II of the Act of Accession.

Article 2

By way of derogation from Article 12(2) of Regulation (EC) No 595/2004, the Commission may authorise the Czech Republic, Estonia, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Hungary, Malta, Poland, Slovenia, and Slovakia, for a period ending 31 March 2007 at the latest, on the basis of duly justified requests, to use the national average milk yield instead of the average milk yield per cow representative of the herd.

Article 3

In the case of Poland and Slovenia, the report provided for in Article 27(3) of Regulation (EC) No 595/2004 shall be notified by 1 September 2005 at the latest.

Article 4

The Czech Republic, Estonia, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Hungary, Malta, Poland, Slovenia, and Slovakia shall not apply Article 25 (1) of Regulation (EC) No 595/2004.

Article 5

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third 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, 2 July 2004.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

II

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COUNCIL

Information relating to the entry into force of an Agreement between the European Community and the United States of America on the Mutual Recognition of Certificates of Conformity for Marine Equipment

The Agreement between the European Community and the United States of America on the Mutual Recognition of Certificates of Conformity for Marine Equipment, which the Council decided to conclude on 21 April 2004⁽¹⁾, enters into force on 1 July 2004, the procedures provided for in Article 21 of the Agreement having been completed on 27 February 2004.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 150, 30.4.2004, p. 42.
OJ L 185, 24.5.2004, p. 18.

COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 21 June 2004

amending Decision 2003/903/EC adopting the plan allocating to the Member States resources to be charged to the 2004 budget year for the supply of food from intervention stocks for the benefit of the most deprived persons in the Community

(notified under document number C(2004) 2326)

(2004/529/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 3730/87 of 10 December 1987 laying down the general rules for the supply of food from intervention stocks to designated organisations for distribution to the most deprived persons in the Community⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 6 thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 2799/98 of 15 December 1998 establishing agrimonetary arrangements for the euro⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 3(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In accordance with Article 2 of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3149/92 laying down detailed rules for the supply of food from intervention stocks for the benefit of the most deprived persons in the Community⁽³⁾, the Commission, by Decision 2003/903/EC⁽⁴⁾, adopted the distribution plan to be financed from resources available in the 2004 budget year. The plan lays down in particular, for each of the Member States applying the measure, the maximum financial resources available to carry out its part of the plan, and the quantity of each type of product to be withdrawn from the stocks held by the intervention agencies.

- (2) The 2004 plan should be adapted to enable Poland to take part in this Community measure. Such adaptation must cover, on the one hand, the allocation of financial resources and of products to be withdrawn from intervention stocks and, on the other, the authorisation, under the conditions laid down in Article 7 of Regulation (EEC) No 3149/92 of intra-Community transfers so that the amended plan can be implemented.

- (3) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinions of all the relevant committees,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Decision 2003/903/EC is hereby amended as follows:

1. Annex I is replaced by the text set out in Annex I to this Decision;
2. Annex II is replaced by the text set out in Annex II to this Decision.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 21 June 2004.

For the Commission
Franz FISCHLER
Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 352, 15.12.1987, p. 1. Regulation as amended by Regulation (EC) No 2535/95 (OJ L 260, 31.10.1995, p. 3).

⁽²⁾ OJ L 349, 24.12.1998, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 313, 30.10.1992, p. 50. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2339/2003 (OJ L 346, 31.12.2003, p. 29).

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 340, 24.12.2003, p. 65.

ANNEX I

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Annual distribution plan for 2004(a) *Financial resources made available to implement the plan in each Member State:*

(EUR)

Member State	Allocation
Belgium	3 439 000
Denmark	168 000
Greece	12 030 000
Spain	41 125 000
France	52 503 000
Ireland	207 000
Italy	62 065 000
Luxembourg	42 000
Poland	23 935 000
Portugal	15 297 000
Finland	2 933 000
Total	213 744 000

(b) *Quantity of each type of product to be withdrawn from Community intervention stocks for distribution in each Member State subject to the maximum amounts laid down in (a):*

(tonnes)

Member State	Products				
	Cereals	Rice (paddy rice)	Butter	Skimmed-milk powder	Beef (carcase equivalent)
Belgium	7 000	2 000	600		
Denmark					53
Greece	26 000	16 630		1 879	
Spain	70 000	27 975	7 230		
France	83 386	29 077	500	15 200	
Ireland			60		
Italy	90 000	19 625	13 448		
Poland	12 000	25 500	4 257		
Portugal	15 000	16 500	2 476		
Finland	15 500			595	
Total	318 886	137 307	28 571	17 674	53

(c) *Allocation for Luxembourg with a view to purchases on the Community market of:*

- milk powder: EUR 26 000,
- beef: EUR 16 000.'

ANNEX II

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Intra-Community transfers authorised under the plan for 2004

	Product	Quantity (tonnes)	Holder	Consignee
1.	Cereals	26 000	ONIC, France	Ministry of Agriculture, Greece
2.	Cereals	70 000	ONIC, France	FEGA, Spain
3.	Cereals	15 000	ONIC, France	INGA, Portugal
4.	Cereals	90 000	ONIC, France	AGEA, Italy
5.	Cereals	15 500	BLE, Germany	Ministry of Agriculture, Finland
6.	Cereals	12 000	BLE, Germany	ARR, Poland
7.	Cereals	25 386	BLE, Germany	Ministry of Agriculture, France
8.	Rice	2 000	Ente Risi, Italy	BIRB, Belgium
9.	Rice	16 500	FEGA, Spain	INGA, Portugal
10.	Rice	25 500	Ente Risi, Italy	ARR, Poland
11.	Milk powder	15 200	BIRB, Belgium	Ministry of Agriculture, France
12.	Milk powder	1 879	BLE, Germany	Ministry of Agriculture, Greece
13.	Butter	4 257	FEGA, Spain	ARR, Poland'

(Acts adopted under Title V of the Treaty on European Union)

COUNCIL JOINT ACTION 2004/530/CFSP

of 28 June 2004

extending the mandate of the Special Representative of the European Union for the African Great Lakes Region and amending Joint Action 2003/869/CFSP

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union, and in particular Articles 14, 18(5) and 23(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) On 8 December 2003 the Council adopted Joint Action 2003/869/CFSP⁽¹⁾ amending and extending until 30 June 2004 the mandate of the Special Representative of the European Union for the African Great Lakes Region.
- (2) On the basis of a review of that Joint Action, the mandate of the Special Representative should be extended and amended.
- (3) On 17 November 2003 the Council adopted guidelines on the appointment, mandate and financing for European Union Special Representatives.
- (4) The European Union Special Representative will implement his mandate in the context of a situation which may deteriorate and could harm the objectives of the CFSP as set out in Article 11 of the Treaty on European Union,

HAS ADOPTED THIS JOINT ACTION:

Article 1

The mandate of Mr Aldo AJELLO as the European Union Special Representative (EUSR) for the African Great Lakes Region as set out in Joint Action 2003/869/CFSP is hereby extended until 28 February 2005.

Article 2

Joint Action 2003/869/CFSP is hereby amended as follows:

1. Article 3 is replaced by the following:

'Article 3

In order to achieve the policy objectives, the mandate of the EUSR shall be to:

- (a) establish and maintain close contact with all the parties to the peace and transition process in the African Great

Lakes Region, other countries of the region, the United States of America, other relevant countries, as well as the United Nations (UN) and other relevant international organisations, the African Union (AU) and subregional organisations and their representatives as well as other prominent regional leaders in order to work with them in strengthening the peace processes of Lusaka and Arusha and the peace agreements concluded in Pretoria and Luanda;

- (b) observe the peace negotiations and the peace and transition process between the parties and offer the European Union's advice and good offices as appropriate;
- (c) contribute, where requested, to the implementation of peace and cease fire agreements reached between the parties and engage with them diplomatically in the event of non-compliance with the terms of these agreements;
- (d) engage constructively with signatories to agreements within the framework of the peace processes in order to promote compliance with the basic norms of democracy and good governance, including respect for human rights and the rule of law;
- (e) contribute to the implementation of the EU Guidelines on Children and Armed Conflict;
- (f) contribute to and cooperate with the Special Representative of the Secretary-General of the UN for the Great Lakes Region and the Special Envoy of the Chairperson of the AU on the preparation of a conference on peace, security, democracy and development in the Great Lakes Region;
- (g) report on the possibilities for European Union intervention in the peace and transition process and on the best way of pursuing European Union initiatives;
- (h) monitor actions by the parties to the conflicts, which might prejudice the outcome of the ongoing peace processes;

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 326, 13.12.2003, p. 37.

- (i) contribute to a better understanding of the European Union's role among opinion leaders in the region.'

Article 3

This Joint Action shall enter into force on 1 July 2004.

Article 4

This Joint Action shall be published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

2. In Article 5:

- (a) paragraph 1 is replaced by the following:

'1. The financial reference amount intended to cover the expenditure related to the mandate of the EUSR shall be EUR 580 000.'

Done at Luxembourg, 28 June 2004.

- (b) the following paragraph is added:

'5. The equipment and supplies for the Brussels office of the EUSR for the African Great Lakes Region shall be purchased or rented on behalf of and for the European Union.'

For the Council
The President
M. CULLEN

COUNCIL JOINT ACTION 2004/531/CFSP**of 28 June 2004****extending the mandate of the Special Representative of the European Union in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union, and in particular Articles 14, 18(5) and 23(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) On 8 December 2003 the Council adopted Joint Action 2003/870/CFSP ⁽¹⁾ amending and extending until 30 June 2004 the mandate of the Special Representative of the European Union in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.
- (2) On 26 January 2004 the Council adopted Joint Action 2004/86/CFSP ⁽²⁾ appointing Mr Søren JESSEN-PETERSEN as European Union Special Representative in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.
- (3) On the basis of a review of Joint Action 2003/870/CFSP, the mandate of the Special Representative should be extended.
- (4) On 17 November 2003 the Council adopted guidelines on the appointment, mandate and financing for European Union Special Representatives,

HAS ADOPTED THIS JOINT ACTION:

Article 1

1. The mandate of Mr Søren JESSEN-PETERSEN as the European Union Special Representative (EUSR) in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, as set out in Joint Action 2003/870/CFSP is hereby extended until 31 July 2004.
2. Expenditure shall also be eligible until 31 July 2004.

Article 2

This Joint Action shall enter into force on 1 July 2004.

*Article 3*This Joint Action shall be published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

Done at Luxembourg, 28 June 2004.

*For the Council**The President*

M. CULLEN

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 326, 13.12.2003, p. 39.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 21, 28.1.2004, p. 30.

COUNCIL JOINT ACTION 2004/532/CFSP**of 28 June 2004****extending and amending the mandate of the Special Representative of the European Union for the South Caucasus**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

HAS ADOPTED THIS JOINT ACTION:

Article 1

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union, and in particular Articles 14, 18(5) and 23(2) thereof,

The mandate of Mr Heikki TALVITIE as the European Union Special Representative (EUSR) for the South Caucasus, as set out in Common Position 2003/872/CFSP, is hereby extended until 28 February 2005.

Whereas

Article 2

Joint Action 2003/872/CFSP is amended as follows:

(1) On 8 December 2003 the Council adopted Joint Action 2003/872/CFSP⁽¹⁾ amending and extending until 30 June 2004 the mandate of the Special Representative of the European Union for the South Caucasus (EUSR).

(a) in Article 3 the following point shall be added:

‘(g) have political oversight of the Rule of Law Mission in Georgia, EUJUST THEMIS, established by Joint Action 2004/.../CFSP, to give guidance to the Head of the Mission (in line with the SG/HR), and to report to the Council (through the SG/HR) on the activities of this Mission;’

(2) On the basis of a review of that Joint Action, the mandate of the Special Representative should be extended.

(b) Article 5(1) shall read as follows:

‘1. The financial reference amount intended to cover the expenditure related to the mandate of the EUSR shall be EUR 396 000.’

(3) On 28 June 2004, the Council adopted Joint Action 2004/523/CFSP on the European Union Rule of Law Mission in Georgia, EUJUST THEMIS⁽²⁾. That Joint Action foresees a specific role for the EUSR for the South Caucasus. The mandate of the EUSR should therefore be amended accordingly.

Article 3

This Joint Action shall enter into force on 1 July 2004.

Article 4

(4) On 17 November 2003 the Council adopted guidelines on the appointment, mandate and financing for European Union Special Representatives.

This Joint Action shall be published in the *Journal of the European Union*.

Done at Luxembourg, 28 June 2004.

(5) The EUSR will implement his mandate in the context of a situation which may deteriorate and could harm the objectives of the CFSP as set out in Article 11 of the Treaty on European Union,

For the Council
The President
M. CULLEN

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 326, 13.12.2003, p. 44.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 228, 29.6.2004, p. 21.

COUNCIL JOINT ACTION 2004/533/CFSP**of 28 June 2004****extending the mandate of the Special Representative of the European Union for Afghanistan and
amending Joint Action 2003/871/CFSP**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

HAS ADOPTED THIS JOINT ACTION:

Article 1

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union, and in particular Articles 14, 18(5) and 23(2) thereof,

The mandate of Mr Francesc VENDRELL as the European Union Special Representative (EUSR) for Afghanistan, as set out in Joint Action 2003/871/CFSP is hereby extended until 28 February 2005.

Whereas:

Article 2

Joint Action 2003/871/CFSP is hereby amended as follows:

(1) On 8 December 2003 the Council adopted Joint Action 2003/871/CFSP⁽¹⁾ amending and extending until 30 June 2004 the mandate of the Special Representative of the European Union in Afghanistan.

1. The second indent of Article 3(e) is deleted.

(2) On the basis of a review of Joint Action 2003/871/CFSP, the mandate of the Special Representative should be extended.

2. Article 5(1) is replaced by the following:

‘1. The financial reference amount intended to cover the expenditure related to the mandate of the EUSR shall be EUR 794 000.’

Article 3

This Joint Action shall enter into force on 1 July 2004.

Article 4

(3) On 17 November 2003 the Council adopted guidelines on the appointment, mandate and financing for European Union Special Representatives.

This Joint Action shall be published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

(4) The European Union Special Representative will implement his/her mandate in the context of a situation which may deteriorate and could harm the objectives of the CFSP as set out in Article 11 of the Treaty on European Union,

Done at Luxembourg, 28 June 2004.

For the Council

The President

M. CULLEN

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 326, 13.12.2003, p. 41.

COUNCIL JOINT ACTION 2004/534/CFSP**of 28 June 2004****extending the mandate of the Special Representative of the European Union for the Middle East peace process and amending Joint Action 2003/873/CFSP**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union, and in particular Articles 14, 18(5) and 23(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) On 8 December 2003 the Council adopted Joint Action 2003/873/CFSP⁽¹⁾ amending and extending until 30 June 2004 the mandate of the Special Representative of the European Union for the Middle East peace process.
- (2) On the basis of a review of Joint Action 2003/873/CFSP, the mandate of the Special Representative should be extended.
- (3) On 17 November 2003 the Council adopted guidelines on the appointment, mandate and financing for European Union Special Representatives.
- (4) The European Union Special Representative will implement his/her mandate in the context of a situation which may deteriorate and could harm the objectives of the CFSP as set out in Article 11 of the Treaty on European Union,

HAS ADOPTED THIS JOINT ACTION:

Article 1

The mandate of Mr Marc OTTE as the European Union Special Representative (EUSR) for the Middle East peace process, as set

out in Joint Action 2003/873/CFSP, is hereby extended until 28 February 2005.

Article 2

Article 5 of Joint Action 2003/873/CFSP is hereby amended as follows:

1. Paragraph 1 is replaced by the following:

‘1. The financial reference amount intended to cover the expenditure related to the mandate of the EUSR shall be EUR 1 030 000.’

2. The following paragraph is added:

‘5. The equipment and supplies for the Brussels office of the EUSR for the Middle East peace process shall be purchased or rented on behalf of and for the European Union.’

Article 3

This Joint Action shall enter into force on 1 July 2004.

Article 4

This Joint Action shall be published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

Done at Luxembourg, 28 June 2004.

For the Council

The President

M. CULLEN

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 326, 13.12.2003, p. 46.