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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 104/2000 of 17 December 1999 on the common organisation of the markets in fishery and aquaculture products<sup>(1)</sup>, and in particular Article 2(3) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Article 2(1) of Regulation (EC) No 104/2000 provides that common marketing standards may be determined for the products or groups of these products listed in Article 1 of that Regulation.
- (2) Annex IV to Regulation (EC) No 104/2000 lists certain species which are subject to intervention mechanisms. The 2003 Act of Accession provided for sprat to be added to that Annex.
- (3) The setting of common marketing standards, harmonised throughout the Community, is of particular importance for the proper operation of the intervention mechanisms laid down in Regulation (EC) No 104/2000.
- (4) Council Regulation (EC) No 2406/96 of 26 November 1996 laying down common marketing standards for certain fishery products<sup>(2)</sup>, does not fix standards for sprat. That Regulation should be amended in order to cover sprat.
- (5) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Fishery Products,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

*Article 1*

Regulation (EC) No 2406/96 is amended as follows:

1. in Article 3(1)(a), the following indent is added:  
— Sprat (*Sprattus sprattus*);
2. Annexes I and II are amended as follows:
  - (a) in Annex I, point B (Bluefish), the word 'sprat' is added;

- (b) in Annex II, the entry set out in the text in the Annex to this Regulation is added.

*Article 2*

This Regulation shall enter into force on the seventh 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, 25 May 2005.

*For the Commission*

Joe BORG

*Member of the Commission*

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ANNEX

Scale of weights				Minimum sizes to be observed in the conditions laid down in the Regulations referred to in Article 7		
Species	Size	Kg/fish	No of fish/kg	Region	Geographical area	Minimum size
Sprat ( <i>Sprattus sprattus</i> )	1	0,004 and over	250 or less			

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- (1) [OJ L 17, 21.1.2000, p. 22](#). Regulation as last amended by the 2003 Act of Accession.
- (2) [OJ L 334, 23.12.1996, p. 1](#). Regulation as last amended by the 2003 Act of Accession.