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THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty of Accession of Bulgaria and Romania, and in particular Article 4(3) thereof,

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Whereas:

- (1) Section 2 of Chapter I of Title 2 of Commission Regulation (EC) No 2535/2001 of 14 December 2001 laying down detailed rules for applying Council Regulation (EC) No 1255/1999 as regards the import arrangements for milk and milk products and opening tariff quotas⁽¹⁾ lays down specific provisions on the approval of applicants for import licences. In order to ensure access for operators from Bulgaria and Romania (hereinafter referred to as the ‘new Member States’) to import licences as from the date of accession of those countries to the European Union, transitional measures should be adopted.
- (2) For the period 1 January 2007 to 30 June 2007, operators of the new Member States should be allowed to apply, without prior approval, for import licences under the tariff quotas as referred to in the Annexes to Regulation (EC) No 2535/2001.
- (3) Those operators should prove their status and regular activity as traders. As regards the requirement on the proof on trade performance, the applicants in the new Member States should have the opportunity to choose as a reference year for the trade performance 2005 instead of 2006 if they can prove that they were not able to import or export the required quantities of milk products during 2006 as a result of exceptional circumstances.
- (4) The authorities of the new Member States should by 20 January 2007 transmit a list to the Commission including all eligible operators. In order to enable each applicant to be identified more easily, and to facilitate the transfer of licences, the data to be forwarded for each operator should be specified. Moreover, eligible operators of the new Member States should be allowed to transfer import licences.
- (5) It is therefore necessary to provide for certain derogations from Regulation (EC) No 2535/2001.

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Commission Regulation (EC) No 2018/2006, Introductory Text. (See end of Document for details)

- (6) 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:

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- (1) [OJ L 341, 22.12.2001, p. 29](#). Regulation last amended by Regulation (EC) No 926/2006 ([OJ L 170, 23.6.2006, p. 8](#)).

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