

**COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2131/2003
of 4 December 2003**

**amending Regulation (EC) No 214/2001 laying down detailed rules for the application of Council
Regulation (EC) No 1255/1999 as regards intervention on the market in skimmed-milk powder**

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 214/2001 ⁽²⁾ limited the quantity of skimmed-milk powder put up for sale by the Member States' intervention agencies to that taken into storage before 1 May 2002.
- (2) Given the current market situation, which is characterised by low seasonal production, more skimmed-milk powder should be released to the market from public storage.

- (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 214/2001, '1 May 2002' shall be replaced by '1 June 2002'.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day 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, 4 December 2003.

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 48. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1787/2003 (OJ L 270, 21.10.2003, p. 121).

⁽²⁾ OJ L 37, 7.2.2001, p. 100. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1787/2003.