COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 771/2004

of 23 April 2004

laying down transitional measures with regard to continued use of plant protection products containing certain active substances following the accession of new Member States to the European Union

(Text with EEA relevance)

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 Article 42 thereof,

Having regard to Council Directive 91/414/EEC of 15 July 1991 concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market [1], and in particular the fourth subparagraph of Article 8(2) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Commission Regulation (EC) No 2076/2002 [2] and Commission Decision 2002/928/EC [3], contain provisions for the non-inclusion of certain active substances in Annex I to Directive 91/414/EEC and for the withdrawal by Member States of all authorisations for plant protection products containing those active substances.

(2) Hungary applied for transitional measures for certain active substances in order to ensure that the production may be phased out gradually or that a dossier satisfying the requirements of Directive 91/414/EEC may be presented.

(3) Any transitional measure necessary to facilitate the transition from the existing regime in the new Member States to that resulting from the application of phytosanitary rules shall be limited to a period of three years following the date of accession.

(4) Several new Member States have informed the Commission that there are active substances on their market which were not on the market in the current Member States. It is appropriate to provide that these active substances may remain on the market in order to allow them to be reviewed in the fourth phase of the review programme.

(5) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on the Food Chain and Animal Health,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The Member State specified in column B of Annex I shall ensure that authorisations for plant protection products containing the active substances listed in column A are withdrawn at the latest by the date listed in column C.

It shall ensure that the continued use is only accepted as far as it does not have any harmful effect on human or animal health and no unacceptable influence on the environment.

Article 2

Member States may authorise or authorise again the placing on the market of plant protection products containing the active substances referred to in Annex II until 30 April 2007, unless a decision is taken before that date not to include the active substance in Annex I to Directive 91/414/EEC.

Article 3

This Regulation shall take effect subject to and on the date of entry into force of the Treaty of Accession of the Czech Republic, Estonia, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Hungary, Malta, Poland, Slovenia and Slovakia.

[1] OJ L 230, 19.8.1991, p. 1. Directive as last amended by Commission Directive 2004/30/EC, (OJ L 77, 13.3.2004, p. 50).
[2] OJ L 319, 23.11.2002, p. 3. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) Nr. 1336/2003, (OJ L 187, 26.7.2003, p. 21).
[3] OJ L 322, 27.11.2002, p. 53.

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

Done at Brussels, 23 April 2004.

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission

ANNEX I

List referred to in Article 1

Column A Active substance	Column B Member State	Column C Date
benomyl	Hungary	31.12.2005
beta-cypermethrin	Hungary	31.12.2005
butylate	Hungary	30.4.2006
cycloate	Hungary	30.4.2006
EPTC (ethyl dipropylthiocarbamate)	Hungary	30.4.2006