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THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 2000/29/EC of 8 May 2000 on protective measures against the introduction into the Community of organisms harmful to plants or plant products and against their spread within the Community [1] (the Directive), as last amended by Commission Directive 2002/36/EC [2], and in particular Article 13(9), fifth subparagraph, thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Pursuant to the provisions of the Directive, a Community financial contribution may be granted to Member States to cover expenditure (up to 50 %) relating directly to improving the provision of equipment and facilities required to carry out inspections, at inspection posts other than those at the place of destination, beyond the level already achieved by complying with the minimum conditions stipulated in implementing provisions pursuant to the fourth subparagraph of Article 13(8) of the Directive.

(2) It is necessary to provide for detailed rules for the implementation of the provisions relating to the allocation of a Community financial contribution for Member States for such improvement.

(3) In accordance with Article 3(2) of Council Regulation (EC) No 1258/1999 [3], veterinary and plant health measures undertaken in accordance with Community rules shall be financed under the Guarantee section of the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund. Financial control of these measures comes under Articles 8 and 9 of the above Regulation.

(4) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on Plant Health,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

An application of a Member State for a 'plant health import inspection post financial contribution' shall:

(a) be made in writing by the Authority referred to in Article 1(4) of the Directive;

(b) be addressed to the Commission of the European Communities, Health and Consumer Protection Directorate General, B-1049 Brussels, Belgium;

(c) be submitted by 1 June, to be examined in the same year. For 2002, the submission date shall exceptionally be postponed to 15 July 2002;

[1] OJ L 169, 10.7.2000, p. 1.
[2] OJ L 116, 3.5.2002, p. 16.
[3] OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 103.