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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 2200/96 of 28 October 1996 on the common organisation of the market in fruit and vegetables ([1]), as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 545/2002 ([2]), and in particular Article 10 thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Commission Regulation (EC) No 1148/2001 of 12 June 2001 on checks on conformity to the marketing standards applicable to fresh fruit and vegetables ([3]), as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2379/2001 ([4]), lays down the conditions under which the Commission may approve checking operations performed by certain third countries which so request prior to import into the Community, in compliance with the conditions laid down in Article 7 of Regulation (EC) No 1148/2001.

(2) On 13 September 2001 the Cypriot authorities sent the Commission a request for the approval of checking operations performed by the Produce Inspection Service of the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Tourism. This states that Cyprus Produce Inspection Service have the necessary staff, equipment and facilities to carry out checks, that they use methods equivalent to those referred to in Article 9 of Regulation (EC) No 1148/2001 and that the fresh fruit and vegetables exported from Cyprus meet the Community marketing standards.

(3) The information sent by the Member States and in the possession of the Commission departments shows that, in the period 1997 to 2001, the incidence of non-conformity with marketing standards amongst imports of fresh fruit and vegetables from Cyprus was very low.

(4) For a number of years representatives of the Cypriot inspection body have been regular participants at various seminars and training activities organised by different Member States. They have also participated in occasional international efforts to agree marketing standards for fruit and vegetables, such as the Working Party on Standardisation of Perishable Produce and Quality Development of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE).

(5) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Fresh Fruit and Vegetables,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Checks on conformity with marketing standards carried out by Cyprus on fresh fruit and vegetables from Cyprus shall be approved in accordance with the conditions laid down in Article 7(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1148/2001.

([1]) OJ L 297, 21.11.1996, p. 1.
([2]) OJ L 84, 28.3.2002, p. 1.
([3]) OJ L 156, 13.6.2001, p. 9.
([4]) OJ L 321, 6.12.2001, p. 15.