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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Council Directive 2002/57/EC of 13 June 2002 on the marketing of seed of oil and fibre plants[(1)], and in particular Article 24 thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Point (2)(b) of Section I of Annex II to Directive 2002/57/EC lays down the minimum varietal purity of seed of hybrids of swede rape.

(2) The current purity standard of 90 % which is applicable for hybrid varieties of both spring swede rape and winter swede rape does no longer reflect the special technical features nor the limitations in seed production of spring swede rape.

(3) The conditions for seed production provided for in Directive 2002/57/EC are based on internationally accepted standards of the Seed Schemes established by the OECD (Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development).

(4) The varietal purity standard for the seed of spring swede rape should be adapted to the standard set by the OECD.

(5) Annex II to Directive 2002/57/EC should therefore be amended accordingly.

(6) The measures provided for in this Directive are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE:

Article 1

Amendment to Annex II to Directive 2002/57/EC

In Section I of Annex II to Directive 2002/57/EC, point (2)(b) is replaced by the following:

(b) The minimum varietal purity of the seed shall be:

— basic seed, female component: 99,0 %,