COMMISSION DIRECTIVE 2001/33/EC

of 8 May 2001

amending certain annexes to Council Directive 2000/29/EC on protective measures against the introduction into the Community of organisms harmful to plants or plant products and against their spread within the Community

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], and in particular Article 14(c) thereof,

Having regard to the requests made by Denmark, France, Ireland, Italy, Austria, Portugal and the United Kingdom,

Whereas:

(1) From information supplied by United Kingdom and Sweden it appears that following local government reorganisation, the current descriptin of the respective protected zones in respect of *Dendroctonus micans* Kugelan and *Leptinotarsa decemlineata* Say should be modified.

(2) Certain provisions on protective measures in Denmark against *Bemisia tabaci* Genn. (European populations) and tomato spotted wilt virus, in Portugal against *Gonipterus scutellatus* Gyll., in the United Kingdom and in Ireland against *Pissodes* spp. (European), and in France, Italy and Austria against *Erwinia amylovora* (Burr.) Winsl. et al. should be modified to take into account the present distribution of these organisms in the respective countries.

(3) The amendments are in agreement with the requests of the Member States concerned.

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE:

Article 1

Annexes I to IV to Directive 2000/29/EC shall be amended in accordance with the Annex to this Directive.

Article 2

Member States shall bring into force the laws, regulations and administrative provisions necessary to comply with this Directive by 21 May 2001. They shall apply them from 22 May 2001. They shall immediately inform the Commission thereof. When Member States adopt these measures, they shall contain a reference to this Directive or shall be accompanied by such reference on the occasion of their official publication. The procedure for such a reference shall be adopted by Member States.

Member States shall immediately communicate to the Commission the essential provisions of domestic law which they adopt in the field governed by this Directive. The Commission shall inform the other Member States thereof.

Article 3

This Directive shall enter into force on the day of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

It shall apply from 22 May 2001.

Article 4

This Directive is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 8 May 2001.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

[1] OJ L 169, 10.7.2000, p. 1.