COMMISSION DIRECTIVE 97/35/EC

of 18 June 1997

adapting to technical progress for the second time Council Directive 90/220/EEC on the deliberate release into the environment of genetically modified organisms

(Text with EEA relevance)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 90/220/EEC of 23 April 1990 on the deliberate release into the environment of genetically modified organisms [1], as amended by Commission Directive 94/15/EC [2], and in particular Article 20 thereof,

Whereas Annex III to Directive 90/220/EEC contains the additional information required in the case of notification for placing on the market of genetically modified organisms (GMOs);

Whereas on the basis of the experience gained with the placing on the market of GMOs it is necessary to facilitate the gathering of data and information after the placing on the market of products in accordance with the Directive;

Whereas this data and information will assist the evaluation of similar or more complex products to be placed on the market and the application of control measures in accordance with Directive 90/220/EEC;

Whereas this can be achieved by extending the information to be provided in notifications submitted in accordance with part C of the Directive as well as on the label of such products;

Whereas it is therefore appropriate that Annex III is amended to include such information requirements;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Directive are in accordance with the opinion of the Committee established under Article 21 of Directive 90/220/EEC,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE:

Article 1

Annex III to Directive 90/220/EEC is replaced by the Annex hereto.

Article 2

Member States shall bring into force the laws, regulations and administrative provisions necessary to comply with this Directive by 31 July 1997. They shall immediately inform the Commission thereof.

When Member States adopt these provisions, these shall contain a reference to this Directive or shall be accompanied by such reference at the time of their official publication. The procedure for such reference shall be adopted by Member States.

Article 3

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

Done at Brussels, 18 June 1997.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

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[1] OJ No L 117, 8. 5. 1990, p. 15.
[2] OJ No L 103, 22. 4. 1994, p. 20.