COMMISSION DIRECTIVE 95/40/EC

of 19 July 1995

amending Directive 92/76/EEC recognizing protected zones exposed to particular plant health risks in the Community

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 77/93/EEC of 21 December 1976 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), as last amended by Commission Directive 95/4/EC (2), and in particular the first subparagraph of Article 2 (1) (h) thereof,

Having regard to Commission Directive 92/76/EEC of 6 October 1992 recognizing protected zones exposed to particular plant health risks in the Community (3), as last amended by the Act of Accession of Austria, Finland and Sweden, and in particular Article 2 thereof,

Whereas under Commission Directive 92/76/EEC certain zones in the Community were recognized as 'protected zones' in repect of certain harmful organisms for a period expiring on 1 July 1995;

Whereas, based on recent new information provided by Greece, Italy and France, it appears that it is no longer appropriate to maintain the 'protected zones' recognized for these countries in respect of, for Greece, *Ips sexdentatus* Boerner, for Italy, *Anthonomus grandis* (Boh.) and *Glomerella gossypii* Edgerton, and for France, *Cephalcia lariciphila* (Klug.) and *Gilpinia hercyniae* (Hartig), because these organisms seem to be present locally;

Whereas, also from new information provided by France and Portugal, it appears that the extent of the 'protected zones' recognized for these countries should be amended in respect of, for France, *Erwinia amylovora* (Burr.) Winsl. et al., and for Portugal, *Bemisia tabaci* Genn. (European populations), because these organisms now seem to be present in parts of the relevant designated 'protected zone'; whereas also the extent of the protected zones recognized for the United Kingdom in respect of *Cephalcia lariciphila* (Klug.), *Dendroctonus micans* Kugelan, *Gilpinia hercyniae* (Hartig), *Gremmeniella abietina* (Lag.) Morelet, *Hypoxylon mammatum* (Wahl.) J. Miller and *Pissodes* spp. (European) and for Portugal in respect of *Dendroctonus micans* Kugelan, *Ips amitinus* Eichhof, *Ips cembrae* Heer, *Ips duplicatus* Sahlberg and *Ips typographus* Heer should be modified to take account of the concern in relation to the relevant host plants of these organisms;

Whereas from new information supplied by Sweden and Finland the area of protected zone recognized for Sweden in respect of *Leptionotarsa decemlineata* Say should be extended and a protected zone should be recognized for Finland in respect of *Leptinotarsa decemlineata* Say;

Whereas furthermore the recognition of 'protected zones' was provisional until the results of appropriate surveys monitored by Commission experts confirmed that one or more of the harmful organims in respect of which the zones were recognized as protected zones were not endemic or established in those zones in accordance with Article 2 (1) (h) of Council Directive 77/93/EEC;

Whereas for certain protected zones further developments on the harmful organisms concerned and their respective surveys have occurred; whereas it is, therefore, appropriate to extend the provisional recognition for a further period to enable information on the developments to be evaluated by the said Commission experts;

Whereas the meausres provided for in this Directive are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on Plant Health,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE:

Article 1

Article 1 of Directive 92/76/EEC is hereby replaced as follows:

'*Article 1*

The zones in the Community listed in the Annex are hereby recognized as "protected zones" referred to in the first subparagraph of Article 2 (1) (b) of Directive 77/93/EEC, in respect of harmful organism(s) listed against their names in the Annex; in the case of points (a), 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10 11, 14, 15 and 17, (b) 1, 2 and 3, (c) 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, and (d) 1, 3 and 4 the said zones are recognized for a period expiring on 1 April 1996.

In the case of the Republic of Austria, the Republic of Finland and the Kingdom of Sweden, the said zones shall be recognized until 31 December 1996.'

(1) OJ No L 26, 31. 1. 1977, p. 20.
(2) OJ No L 44, 28. 2. 1995, p. 56.
(3) OJ No L 305, 21. 10. 1992, p. 12.