COMMISSION DIRECTIVE 93/106/EC

of 29 November 1993

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 93/19/EEC (2), and in particular the first subparagraph of Article 2 (1) (h) thereof,

Having regard to the requests made by Greece, France, Italy and Portugal,

Whereas Member States may request the recognition as a protected zone, in particular, of a zone in which one or more harmful organisms referred to in the said Directive, which are established in one or more parts of the Community, are not endemic or established, despite conditions being favourable for them to establish themselves there;

Whereas by Commission Directive 92/76/EEC (3) the Commission has recognized certain such protected zones;

Whereas certain Member States have requested that certain zones be recognized as protected zones in respect of *Citrus tristeza* virus (European isolates);

Whereas the abovementioned requests should be based on the grounds that the results of appropriate surveys, monitored by Commission experts, confirm that one or more of the harmful organisms, in respect of which the zone is to be recognized as a protected zone, are not endemic or established there;

Whereas, however, the details of such surveys are not yet fully established at Community level;

Whereas the recognition should be provisional only and based on the available information submitted by the Member State concerned;

Whereas, based on recent new information by Italy, it appears that it is no longer appropriate to maintain the 'protected zones' recognized for Italy in respect of *Dendroctonus micrans* Kugelan, *Ips amitinus* Eichhof and *Ips duplicatus* Sahlbey because these organisms seem to be present locally;

Whereas, based on recent new information submitted by the UK, it appears that the 'protected zones' recognized for the UK, in respect of *Dendroctonus micans* Kugelan, should be extended because a larger zone seems to be free from the harmful organism;

Whereas 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

The Annex to Directive 92/76/EEC is hereby amended as indicated in the Annex to this Directive.

Article 2

1. Member States shall bring into force the laws, regulations or administrative provisions necessary to comply with this Directive on 15 December 1993. They shall forthwith inform the Commission thereof.

When Member States adopt these measures, 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.

2. Member States shall immediately communicate to the Commission all 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 following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities.*

Done at Brussels, 29 November 1993.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

(1) OJ No L 26, 31. 1. 1977, p. 20.
(2) OJ No L 96, 24. 4. 1993, p. 33.
(3) OJ No L 305, 21. 10. 1992, p. 12.