COMMISSION DIRECTIVE

of 6 December 1991

amending Directive 88/272/EEC amending certain Annexes to Council Directive 77/93/EEC on protective measures against the introduction into the Member States of organisms harmful to plants or plant products

(91/660/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 77/93/EEC of 21 December 1976 on protective measures against the introduction into the Member States of organisms harmful to plants or plant products [1], as last amended by Commission Directive 91/27/EEC [2], and in particular the second indent of Article 13 (2) thereof,

Having regard to the requests made by Greece, Spain, France, Ireland, Italy, Portugal and the United Kingdom,

Whereas Directive 77/93/EEC laid down protective measures against the introduction into the Member States of organisms harmful to plants or plant products ; whereas those measures include measures to be taken by Member States in respect of plants, plant products and other objects coming from third countries ;

Whereas certain Member States have stricter measures in respect of those plants and plant products ;

Whereas those stricter measures include, in the requesting Member States, certain restrictions applicable to certain products originating in a third country ;

Whereas, by Commission Directive 88/272/EEC [3], the Annexes to Directive 77/93/EEC were amended so that the Member States concerned could also impose the relevant restrictions where the products concerned, originating in a third country, come from other Member States ; whereas these amendments were only interim protective measures for a limited period to enable the Commission to study the phytosanitary basis of the restrictions case by case ;

Whereas it appeared impossible to finalize this study within the limited period originally allowed by Directive 88/272/EEC ;

Whereas Commission Directive 90/113/EEC [4] extended the said period for one year, namely until the end of 1990 and Commission Directive 91/102/EEC [5] extended the said period for a further year, namely until the end of 1991 ;

Whereas it appears impossible to finalize this study despite the two-year extension to the original period ; whereas this period should be further extended accordingly ;

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

In Article 4 of Directive 88/272/EEC, '31 December 1991' is replaced by '31 December 1992'.

Article 2

Member States shall bring into force the laws, regulations and administrative provisions necessary to comply with this Directive. They shall forthwith 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 methods of making such a reference shall be laid down by the Member States.

Article 3

This Directive is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 6 December 1991.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

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[1] OJ No L 26, 31. 1. 1977, p. 20.
[2] OJ No L 16, 22. 1. 1991, p. 29.
[3] OJ No L 116, 4. 5. 1988, p. 19.
[4] OJ No L 67, 15. 3. 1990, p. 51.
[5] OJ No L 52, 27. 2. 1991, p. 50.