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COMMISSION

COMMISSION DIRECTIVE

of 7 June 1990

amending for the fourth time the Annex to Council Directive 79/117/EEC prohibiting the placing on the market and use of plant protection products containing certain active substances

(90/335/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 79/117/EEC of 21 December 1978 prohibiting the placing on the market and use of plant protection products containing certain active substances (1), as last amended by Directive 89/365/EEC (2), and in particular Article 6 thereof,

Whereas the development of scientific and technical knowledge makes necessary certain amendments to the Annex to Directive 79/117/EEC;

Whereas it seems desirable to delete a certain number of temporary derogations from the prohibitions laid down in the Directive since less hazardous treatments are now available;

Whereas all Member States have informed the Commission that they do not intend or no longer intend to avail themselves of these derogations;

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 79/117/EEC is hereby amended as follows:

1. In Part A, 'Mercury compounds':

(a) Under item 4, 'Alkyl mercury compounds', the text in column 2 is deleted;

(b) under item 5, 'Alkoxyalkyl and aryl mercury compounds', the text in column 2 is replaced by: 'Seed treatment cereals'.

2. In part B, 'Persistent organo-chlorine compounds':

(a) under item 1, 'Aldrin', the text in column 2 is deleted;

(b) under item 5, 'Endrin', the text in column 2 is deleted.

Article 2

Member States shall, not later than 1 January 1991, bring into force the laws, regulations and administrative provisions necessary to comply with this Directive. They shall immediately inform the Commission thereof.

Article 3

This Directive is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 7 June 1990.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

(1) OJ No L 33, 8. 2. 1979, p. 36.
(2) OJ No L 159, 10. 6. 1989, p. 58.