SEVENTH COMMISSION DIRECTIVE

of 1 July 1988

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

(88/430/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 harmful organismus of plants or plant products (1), as last amended by Commission Directive 88/272/EEC (2), and in particular Article 13, second paragraph, fourth indent thereof,

Whereas *Ceratocystis ulmi* and its vectors are no longer considered to be a harmful organism whose introduction must be prohibited in all Member States ; whereas it is no longer appropriate to maintain the current provisions set out in Directive 77/93/EEC in relation to this organism harmful to elm trees ; whereas these provisions should therefore be deleted ;

Whereas it has been determined that *Thrips palmi* is a harmful organism not yet present in the Community ; whereas it is considered that this pest represents a serious danger to, and may be carried upon, a wide range of plants and plant material grown in or imported into the Community ; whereas appropriate measures to combat this pest should be included within Directive 77/93/EEC ;

Whereas therefore the relevant Annexes of Directive 77/93/EEC should be amended accordingly in the light of developments in scientific or technical knowledge ;

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

Directive 77/93/EEC is hereby amended as indicated in the Annex to this Directive.

Article 2

Member States shall bring into force the laws, regulations or administrative provisions necessary to comply with the provisions of this Directive by 1 January 1989 at the latest.

Member States shall immediately inform the Commission of all laws, regulations and administrative provisions adopted in implementation of this Directive.

The Commission shall inform the other Member States thereof.

Article 3

This Directive is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 1 July 1988.

For the Commission

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Vice-President

(1) OJ No L 26, 31. 1. 1977, p. 20.
(2) OJ No L 116, 4. 5. 1988, p. 19.