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COMMISSION

COMMISSION DIRECTIVE

amending Directive 77/535/EEC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to methods of sampling and analysis for fertilizers

(87/566/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 76/116/EEC of 18 December 1975 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to fertilizers [1], and in particular Article 9 (2) thereof,

Whereas Commission Directive 77/535/EEC [2] provides for official controls for EEC fertilizers for the purpose of checking compliance with the requirements imposed by the Community provisions concerning the quality and composition of fertilizers; whereas that Directive should be amended by adapting Annex I, 'Method of sampling for the control of fertilizers' so that fluid fertilizers can also be checked when Directive 76/116/EEC relating to fertilizers has been extended to fluid fertilizers; whereas a modification has also proved necessary for the control of ammonium nitrate [3] [4];

Whereas the measures provided for in this Directive are in accordance with the opinion of the Committee on the Adaptation to Technical Progress of the Directives for the removal of technical barriers to trade in fertilizers,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE:

Article 1

The paragraphs in the Annex to this Directive are added to or substituted for those with the same numbers in Annex I to Directive 77/535/EEC.

Article 2

1. Member States shall take measures necessary to comply with this Directive not later than the 31 October 1988 and shall forthwith inform the Commission thereof.

2. Member States shall communicate to the Commission the texts of the provisions of national law which they adopt in the field covered by this Directive.

Article 3

This Directive is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 24 November 1987.

For the Commission
COCKFIELD
Vice-President

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[1] OJ No L 24, 30. 1. 1976, p. 21.
[2] OJ No L 213, 22. 8. 1977, p. 1.
[3] OJ No L 250, 23. 9. 1980, p. 7.
[4] OJ No L 38, 7. 2. 1987, p. 1.