COMMISSION DIRECTIVE

of 9 September 1987

amending for the third 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

(87/477/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 87/181/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 replaced by: 'Treatment of sugar beet seed';
   (b) under item 5, 'Alkoxyalkyl and aryl mercury compounds', the text in column 2 is replaced by: 'Seed treatment of cereals and beet';
2. in Part B, 'Persistent organo-chlorine compounds', under item 1, 'Aldrin', the text of item (b) in column 2 is amended by the deletion of the words 'Ireland and'.

Article 2

Member States shall, not later than 1 January 1988, 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, 9 September 1987.

For the Commission
Frans ANDRIESSEN
Vice-President

[1] OJ No L 33, 8. 2. 1979, p. 36.
[2] OJ No L 71, 14. 3. 1987, p. 33.