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amending the Annexes to Council Directive 68/193/EEC on the marketing of material for the vegetative propagation of the vine

(77/629/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 68/193/EEC of 9 April 1968 on the marketing of material for the vegetative propagation of the vine [1], as last amended by Council Directive 74/648/EEC [2], and in particular Article 17a thereof,

Whereas, by reason of advances in scientific and technical knowledge, the Annexes to the abovementioned Directive should be amended for the reasons set out below;

Whereas the conditions laid down in the Directive as to the cultivation of material for the propagation of the vine should be improved so as to take account of the effects of harmful organisms, in particular when dealing with virus diseases or vectors thereof;

Whereas the German text of the Directive should be corrected;

Whereas the new techniques for grading top graft cuttings should be taken into account;

Whereas, so that healthy vine nurseries may become available as rapidly as possible, the official label should, for an initial stage, give supplementary and optional information obtained during officially recognized tests concerning the provenance of virus tested basic material;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Directive are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on Seeds and Propagating Material for Agriculture, Horticulture and Forestry,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE:

Article 1

Annex I to Council Directive 68/193/EEC is hereby amended as follows:

1. In Part I, item 3, for 'harmful organisms, in particular viruses' read 'harmful organisms or their vectors, in particular nematodes which carry virus diseases'.

2. The German text of Part I, item 5, for 'Kurzknotigkeit' read 'Reisigkrankheit'.

3. In Part I, item 6 shall read:

'6. The failure rate attributable to harmful organisms shall not exceed:

— 5 % in stock nurseries intended for the production of certified propagation material, and

(1) OJ No L 93, 17. 4. 1968, p. 15.
(2) OJ No L 352, 28. 12. 1974, p. 43.