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# COUNCIL DIRECTIVE

## of 8 December 1969

## on control of Potato Cyst Eelworm

(69/465/EEC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Articles 43 and 100 thereof;

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission;

Having regard to the Opinion of the European Parliament[1];

Having regard to the Opinion of the Economic and Social Committee;

Whereas potato production occupies an important place in Community agriculture;

Whereas the potato yield is constantly threatened by harmful organisms;

Whereas, through the protection of potato cultivation against such harmful organisms, not only should productive capacity be maintained, but also agricultural productivity increased;

Whereas proctective measures to prevent the introduction of harmful organisms into individual Member States would have only a limited effect if such organisms were not controlled simultaneously and methodically throughout the Community and were not prevented from spreading;

Whereas one of the organisms most harmful to potatoes is Potato Cyst Eelworm *(Heterodera rostochiensis* Woll.);

Whereas this pest has occurred in several Member States and there are contaminated areas within the Community;

Whereas there is a permanent risk to potato cultivation throughout the Community if effective measures are not taken to control this pest and prevent it from spreading;

Whereas, to eradicate this pest, minimum provisions must be adopted for the Community; whereas Member States must be able to adopt additional or stricter provisions where necessary;

Whereas potato varieties which are resistant to certain pathotypes of this pest play an important role; whereas their use on contaminated plots may be helpful to some extent; whereas it is therefore in the general interest to publish periodic lists of such varieties;

Whereas, for determining the presence of contamination and the resistance of varieties, it appears necessary to apply appropriate methods to which Member States raise no objection;

HAS ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE:

*Article 1*

This Directive concerns the minimum measures to be taken within the Member States to control Potato Cyst Eelworm *(Heterodera rostochiensis* Woll.) and to prevent it from spreading.

*Article 2*

The Member States shall provide that seed potatoes intended for marketing may be produced only on plots which, on official investigation, have been recognised as uncontaminated by Potato Cyst Eelworm.

[1] OJ No 28, 17.2.1967, p. 454/67.