COMMISSION DECISION

of 10 March 1986

amending Decision 83/96/EEC authorizing Ireland and the United Kingdom temporarily to take additional measures to protect themselves against the introduction of *Dendroctonus micans*

(Only the English text is authentic)

(86/118/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 organisms harmful to plants or plant products [1], as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 3768/85 [2], and in particular Article 15 (2) thereof,

Whereas, under the Community plant-health regime, Ireland and the United Kingdom have been authorized by Commission Decision 83/96/EEC [3] as last amended by Decision 85/165/EEC [4] to require from other Member States certain safeguards additional to those afforded under the general Community provisions in order to prevent the introduction of *Dendroctonus micans* through plants of conifers, following recent developments in the incidence and spread of this organism in the Community;

Whereas this authorization was granted, pending strengthening of the Community safeguards by means of an amendment to Directive 77/93/EEC, for a limited period expiring on 31 January 1986;

Whereas the circumstances which justified this authorization have not changed; whereas the Commission has proposed an amendment to the abovementioned Directive, which the Council has not yet adopted;

Whereas therefore the authorization should be extended for a further period;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on Plant Health,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

In Article 1 (1) of Decision 83/96/EEC, '31 January 1986' is hereby replaced by '31 January 1987'.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to Ireland and the United Kingdom.

Done at Brussels, 10 March 1986.

For the Commission

Frans ANDRIESSEN

Vice-President

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[1] OJ No L 26, 31. 1. 1977, p. 20.
[2] OJ No L 362, 31. 12. 1985, p. 8.
[3] OJ No L 61, 8. 3. 1983, p. 20.
[4] OJ No L 63, 2. 3. 1985, p. 28.