# COUNCIL DECISION

## of 14 November 1988

## amending Decision 81/956/EEC on the equivalence of seed potatoes produced in third countries

(88/573/EEC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 66/403/EEC of 14 June 1966 on the marketing of seed potatoes [1], as last amended by Directive 88/380/EEC [2], and in particular Article 15 (1) thereof,

having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas, by Decision 81/956/EEC [3], as last amended by Decision 87/141/EEC [4], the Council declared that seed potatoes harvested and officially controlled in Austria and Switzerland afforded the same assurances as those harvested and controlled within the Community;

Whereas the validity of that equivalence expired on 30 June 1988;

Whereas it has been shown that the conditions on which the Community findings were based at the outset are still fulfilled as regards the standards and procedures applicable to the certification of seed potatoes in Autria and Switzerland;

Whereas it is therefore appropriate to extend the validity of the equivalence for a further two years,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

In Article 2 of Decision 81/956/EEC '30 June 1988' shall be replaced by '30 June 1990'.

*Article 2*

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 14 November 1988.

*For the Council*

*The President*

Y. POTTAKIS

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[1] OJ No 125, 11. 7. 1966, p. 2320/66.
[2] OJ No L 187, 16. 7. 1988, p. 31.
[3] OJ No L 351, 7. 12. 1981, p. 1.
[4] OJ No L 57, 27. 2. 1987, p. 50.