COMMISSION DECISION

of 5 November 1991

amending Decision 89/152/EEC authorizing certain Member States to provide for exceptions to certain provisions of Council Directive 77/93/EEC in respect of potatoes for human consumption originating in Cuba

(Only the German, French and Dutch texts are authentic)

(91/593/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 Directive 91/27/EEC [2], and in particular Article 14 (3) thereof,

Having regard to the requests made by Belgium, Germany, Luxembourg and the Netherlands,

Whereas under the provisions of Directive 77/93/EEC, potato tubers originating in Cuba, may in principle not be introduced into the Community because of the risk of introducing exotic potato diseases unknown in the Community;

Whereas, however, Article 14 (3) of the said Directive permits exceptions to that rule, provided that it is established that there is no risk of spreading harmful organisms;

Whereas the early growing in Cuba of potatoes for human consumption from seed potatoes supplied by Member States has become an established practice; whereas part of the early supply of potatoes for human consumption in the Community has been ensured by imports of such material from Cuba;

Whereas by Decisions 87/306/EEC [3], 88/223/EEC [4] and 89/152/EEC [5]. the Council and the Commission authorized such derogations under special technical conditions in respect of potatoes for human consumption originating in China;

Whereas Decision 89/152/EEC stipulated that the authorization shall expire on 20 April 1991;

Whereas the circumstances justifying the authorization still obtain;

Whereas the authorization should therefore 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

Decision 89/152/EEC is hereby amended as follows:

1. In Article 2 (1), '20 April 1991' is replaced by '30 April 1992'.
2. In Annex II, under 8, '1989' is replaced by '1991'.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Kingdom of Belgium, the Federal Republic of Germany, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, and the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

Done at Brussels, 5 November 1991.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

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[1] OJ No L 26, 31. 1. 1977, p. 20.
[2] OJ No L 16, 22. 1. 1991, p. 29.
[3] OJ No L 153, 13. 6. 1987, p. 41.
[4] OJ No L 100, 19. 4. 1988, p. 44.
[5] OJ No L 59, 2. 3. 1989, p. 29.