COMMISSION DECISION

of 28 February 1995

amending Decision 93/411/EEC authorizing Member States to provide for derogations from certain provisions of Council Directive 77/93/EEC in respect of plants of strawberry *(Fragaria* L.), intended for planting, other than seeds, originating in Argentina

(95/53/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 77/93/EEC of 21 December 1976 on protective measures against the introduction into the Community of organisms harmful to plants or plant products and against their spread within the Community [1], as last amended by Council Directive 94/13/EC [2], and in particular Article 14 (1) thereof,

Having regard to the request made by the Netherlands and the United Kingdom,

Whereas, under the provisions of Directive 77/93/EEC, plants of strawberry *(Fragaria* L.), intended for planting, other than seeds, originating in non-European countries, other than Mediterranean countries, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, the continental states of the USA, may, in principle, not be introduced into the Community;

Whereas Commission Decision 93/411/EEC [3] permits derogations for plants of strawberry *(Fragaria* L.) intended for planting, other than seeds, originating in Argentina, provided certain conditions are satisfied;

Whereas Decision 93/411/EEC stipulated that the authorization should apply until 31 December 1994;

Whereas there is no new information giving cause for revision of the conditions;

Whereas the circumstances justifying the authorization still obtain;

Whereas the authorization should therefore be extended for a further limited 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 93/411/EEC is hereby amended as follows:

1. In Article 1.2 (b), second indent, '93/411/EEC' is replaced by '95/53/EC';

2. In Article 4, '31 December 1994' is replaced by '31 December 1996'.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 28 February 1995.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

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[1] OJ No L 26, 31. 1. 1977, p. 20.
[2] OJ No L 92, 9. 4. 1994, p. 27.
[3] OJ No L 182, 24. 7. 1993, p. 63.