COMMISSION DECISION

of 26 June 1997

on the carrying out of Community comparative trials and tests on propagating and planting material of certain species of fruit plants under Article 20 (2) of Council Directive 92/34/EEC

(97/422/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 92/34/EEC of 28 April 1992 on the marketing of fruit plant propagating and fruit plants intended for fruit production [1], as last amended by Decision 97/110/EC [2] and in particular Article 20 (2) thereof,

Whereas under this Directive comparative trials and tests shall be carried out in the Member States on samples to check that propagating material or fruit plants of genera and species listed therein comply with the requirements and conditions of the said Directive;

Whereas to this end, it is essential, in particular in the early stages of the Directive's implementation, to ensure adequate representation of the samples participating in the trials and tests for the different origins of production in the entire Community, at least for certain selected crops;

Whereas it is therefore necessary to carry out Community comparative trials and tests in 1997/98 on propagating and planting material of currants (*Ribes* spp.);

Whereas it is necessary for all Member States to participate in the Community comparative trials and tests, in so far as currants are usually propagated or marketed in their territories, in order to ensure that proper conclusions may be drawn therefrom;

Whereas these Community comparative trials and tests will be used to harmonize, in the first instance, the technical methods of examination of propagating and planting material of these species;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on Propagating Material and Plants of Fruit Genera and Species,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

1. Community comparative trials and tests shall be carried out during 1997/98 on propagating and planting material of currants (*Ribes* spp.).

2. All Member States shall participate in the Community comparative trials and tests, in so far as currants are usually propagated or marketed in their territories.

Article 2

The detailed arrangements for the carrying out of the Community comparative trials and tests and the assessment of the results thereof shall be made within the Standing Committee on Propagating Material and Plants of Fruit Genera and Species.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 26 June 1997.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

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[1] OJ No L 157, 10. 6. 1992, p. 10.
[2] OJ No L 39, 8. 2. 1997, p. 22.