COMMISSION DECISION

of 12 November 1998

authorising Member States to permit temporarily the marketing of forest reproductive material not satisfying the requirements of Council Directives 66/404/EEC and 71/161/EEC

(notified under document number C(1998) 3489)

(98/660/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 66/404/EEC of 14 June 1966 on the marketing of forest reproductive material [1], as last amended by the Act of Accession of Austria, Finland and Sweden, and in particular Article 15 thereof,

Having regard to Council Directive 71/161/EEC of 30 March 1971 on external quality standards for forest reproductive material marketed within the Community [2], as last amended by the Act of Accession of Austria, Finland and Sweden, and in particular Article 15 thereof,

Having regard to the requests submitted by certain Member States,

Whereas production of reproductive material of the species set out in the Annexes is at present insufficient in all Member States, with the result that their requirements for reproductive material conforming to the provisions of Directives 66/404/EEC and 71/161/EEC cannot be met;

Whereas third countries are not in a position to supply sufficient reproductive material of the relevant species which can afford the same guarantees as Community reproductive material and which conforms to the provisions of the abovementioned Directives;

Whereas the Member States should therefore be authorised to permit, for a limited period, the marketing of reproductive material of the relevant species which satisfies less stringent requirements to cover the shortage of reproductive material satisfying the requirements of Directive 66/404/EEC or Directive 71/161/EEC;

Whereas, for genetic reasons, the reproductive material must be collected at places of origin within the natural range of the relevant species and the strictest possible guarantees should be given to ensure the identity of the material;

Whereas, furthermore, reproductive material should be marketed only if it is accompanied by a document bearing certain details of the reproductive material in question;

Whereas each of the Member States should furthermore be authorised to permit the marketing in its territory of seed and seedlings which satisfy less stringent requirements in respect of provenance, as laid down in Directive 66/404/EEC, or seed which satisfies less stringent requirements in respect of specific purity as laid down in Directive 71/161/EEC, if the marketing of such material has been authorised in the other Member States under this Decision;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on Seeds and Propagating Material for Agriculture, Horticulture and Forestry,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

1. Member States are authorised to permit the marketing in their territory of seed which does not satisfy the requirements in respect of provenance in Directive 66/404/EEC on the terms set out in Annex I hereto and on condition that the proof specified in Article 2 is furnished with regard to the place of provenance of the seed and the altitude at which it was collected.

2. Member States are authorised to permit the marketing in their territory of seedlings produced in the Community from the abovementioned seed.

Article 2

1. The proof referred to in Article 1(1) shall be deemed to be furnished where the reproductive material is of the category 'source-identified reproductive material' as defined in the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) scheme for the control of forest reproductive material moving in international trade, or of another category defined in that scheme.

[1] OJ 125, 11. 7. 1966, p. 2366/66.
[2] OJ L 87, 17. 4. 1971, p. 14.

2. Where the OECD scheme referred to in paragraph 1 is not used at the place of provenance of the reproductive material, other official evidence shall be admissible.

3. Where official evidence cannot be provided, Member States may accept other non-official evidence.

Article 3

Member States are authorised on the terms set out in Annex II hereto, to permit the marketing in their territory of seed which neither satisfies the requirements in respect of provenance in Directive 66/404/EEC nor the requirements relating to specific purity in Annex I to Directive 71/161/EEC, on condition that:

— the proof specified in Article 2 is furnished with regard to the place of provenance of the seed and the altitude at which it was collected, and

— the document required pursuant to Article 9 of Directive 66/404/EEC bears the wording:

'Seed not satisfying the standards in respect of specific purity'.

Article 4

1. The Member States other than the applicant Member States are also authorised to permit, on the terms set out in Annexes I and II respectively and for the purposes intended by the applicant Member States, the marketing in their territory of the seeds and seedlings authorised to be marketed under this Decision.

2. For the purpose of the application of paragraph 1, the Member States concerned shall assist each other administratively. The applicant Member States shall be notified by other Member States of their intention to permit the marketing of such seeds before any authorisation may be granted. The applicant Member States may object only if the entire quantity set out in this Decision has already been allocated.

Article 5

The authorisations provided for in Article 1(1), Article 3 and Article 4(1) in so far as they concern the first placing of forest reproductive material on the market of the Community, shall expire on 30 November 1999. Such authorisations, in so far as they concern subsequent placing on the market of the Community, shall expire on 31 December 2000.

Article 6

With regard to the first placing on the market of forest reproductive material, as referred to in Article 5, Member States shall by 1 January 2000, notify the Commission and the other Member States of the quantities of such material satisfying less stringent requirements which have been approved for marketing in their territory under this Decision.

Article 7

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 12 November 1998.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

LEGEND

1. *Member States*

B	= Kingdom of Belgium
DK	= Kingdom of Denmark
D	= Federal Republic of Germany
EL	= Hellenic Republic
E	= Kingdom of Spain
F	= French Republic
IRL	= Ireland
I	= Republic of Italy
L	= Grand Duchy of Luxembourg
NL	= Kingdom of the Netherlands
A	= Republic of Austria
P	= Portuguese Republic
UK	= United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

2. *States of provenance*

BG	= Bulgaria
CH	= Switzerland
CN	= China
CZ	= Czech Republic
EC	= European Community
HR	= Croatia
HU	= Hungary
LT	= Lithuania
NO	= Norway
PL	= Poland
RO	= Romania
SI	= Slovenia
SK	= Slovak Republic
TR	= Turkey

3. *Other abbreviations*

OEP	= or equivalent provenance

ANEXO I — BILAG I — ANHANG I — ΠΑΡΑΡΤΗΜΑ I — ANNEX I — ANNEXE I — ALLEGATO I — BIJLAGE I — ANEXO I — LIITE I — BILAGA I

Estado miembro Medlemsstat Mitgliedstaat Κράτος μέλος Member State État membre Stato membro Lidstaat Estado-membro Jäsenmaa Medlemsstat	**Fagus sylvatica L.**		**Larix decidua Mill.**		**Picea abies Karst.**	
	kg	Procedencia Oprindelse Herkunft Προέλευση Provenance Provenance Provenienza Herkomst Proveniência Alue Härkomst	kg	Procedencia Oprindelse Herkunft Προέλευση Provenance Provenance Provenienza Herkomst Proveniência Alue Härkomst	kg	Procedencia Oprindelse Herkunft Προέλευση Provenance Provenance Provenienza Herkomst Proveniência Alue Härkomst
B	—	—	—	—	—	—
DK	5 700	CH, CZ, SI, SK, RO	50	PL	—	—
D	—	—	50	CZ	50	CZ, HU, PL, RO, SK
EL	—	—	—	—	—	—
E	765	EC (E/OEP)	30	EC (E/OEP), PL, SK	150	EC (E/OEP)
F	—	—	125	CZ (Sudètes), PL	—	—
IRL	—	—	60	CZ, PL, SK	120	CZ, PL, SK
I	2 000	EC (I/OEP)	—	—	—	—
L	500	EC (I/OEP)	—	—	—	—
NL	—	—	50	CZ, SK	50	CZ
A	700	CZ, HR, HU, RO, SI, SK	325	CZ, HR, HU, PL, SI, SK	30	PL
P	20	EC (P/OEP)	—	—	—	—
UK	8 000	EC (UK/OEP)	225	EC (UK/OEP), CZ, PL, SI	200	EC (UK/OEP), CZ, RO

Estado miembro Medlemsstat Mitgliedstaat Κράτος μέλος Member State État membre Stato membro Lidstaat Estado-membro Jäsenmaa Medlemsstat	**Pinus nigra Arn.**		**Pinus sylvestris L.**		**Quercus borealis Michx.**	
	kg	Procedencia Oprindelse Herkunft Προέλευση Provenance Provenance Provenienza Herkomst Proveniência Alue Härkomst	kg	Procedencia Oprindelse Herkunft Προέλευση Provenance Provenance Provenienza Herkomst Proveniência Alue Härkomst	kg	Procedencia Oprindelse Herkunft Προέλευση Provenance Provenance Provenienza Herkomst Proveniência Alue Härkomst
B	—	—	—	—	—	—
DK	80	SI, TR	70	LT, NO	1 000	PL
D	200	SI	50	PL	—	—
EL	—	—	—	—	—	—
E	850	EC (E/OEP)	940	EC (E/OEP)	10 740	EC (E/OEP)
F	100	BG (Kustendil)	40	PL (Taborz)	—	—
IRL	—	—	—	—	—	—
I	—	—	—	—	—	—
L	—	—	—	—	—	—
NL	60	HR, SI	—	—	—	—
A	580	HR, HU, SI	130	CZ, HU, PL, SI	3 150	CZ, HR, HU, PL, RO, SI, SK
P	—	—	—	—	8 000	EC (P/OEP)
UK	—	—	250	EC (UK/OEP)	500	EC (UK/OEP)

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	kg	Procedencia Oprindelse Herkunft Προέλευση Provenance Provenance Provenienza Herkomst Proveniência Alue Härkomst	kg	Procedencia Oprindelse Herkunft Προέλευση Provenance Provenance Provenienza Herkomst Proveniência Alue Härkomst	kg	Procedencia Oprindelse Herkunft Προέλευση Provenance Provenance Provenienza Herkomst Proveniência Alue Härkomst
B	—	—	—	—	—	—
DK	18 500	NO, PL	65 000	NO, PL	—	—
D	—	—	—	—	—	—
EL	—	—	—	—	—	—
E	13 280	EC (E/OEP)	5 460	EC (E/OEP)	—	—
F	—	—	—	—	—	—
IRL	—	—	—	—	—	—
I	5 000	EC (I/OEP)	4 000	EC (I/OEP)	—	—
L	1 000	EC (L/OEP)	300	EC (L/OEP)	—	—
NL	—	—	—	—	—	—
A	7 500	CZ, HR, HU, PL, RO, SI, SK	4 500	CZ, HR, HU, PL, RO, SI, SK	—	—
P	3 000	EC (P/OEP)	—	—	—	—
UK	30 000	EC (UK/OEP)	30 000	EC (UK/OEP), NO	50	CN

ANEXO II — BILAG II — ANHANG II — ΠΑΡΑΡΤΗΜΑ II — ANNEX II — ANNEXE II — ALLEGATO II — BIJLAGE II — ANEXO II — LIITE II — BILAGA II

Especies Arter Arten Είδη Species Espèces Specie Soorten Espécies Lajit Arter	Estado miembro Medlemsstat Mitgliedstaat Κράτος μέλος Member State État membre Stato membro Lidstaat Estado-membro Jäsenmaa Medlemsstat	kg
Quercus pedunculata Ehrh.	D UK	40 000 16 000
Quercus sessiliflora Sal.	D UK	65 000 13 000