COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 16 December 2002

on the continuation of Community comparative trials and tests on propagating material of ornamental plants of *Chamaecyparis, Ligustrum vulgare* and *Euphorbia fulgens* under Council Directive 98/56/EC

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2002/982/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 98/56/EC of 20 July 1998 on the marketing of propagating material of ornamental plants [1],

Having regard to Commission Decision 2001/898/EC of 12 December 2001 setting out the arrangements for Community comparative trials and tests on propagating material of ornamental plants under Council Directive 98/56/EC [2], and in particular Article 2 thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Decision 2001/898/EC sets out the arrangements for the comparative trials and tests to be carried out under Directive 98/56/EC as regards ornamental plants of *Chamaecyparis*, *Ligustrum vulgare* and *Euphorbia fulgens* from 2002 to 2004.

(2) Tests and trials carried out in 2002 should be continued in 2003,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

Community comparative trials and tests which began in 2002 on propagating material of ornamental plants of *Chamaecyparis*, *Ligustrum vulgare* and *Euphorbia fulgens* shall be continued in 2003 in accordance with Decision 2002/898/EC.

Done at Brussels, 16 December 2002.

For the Commission

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[1] OJ L 226, 13.8.1998, p. 16.
[2] OJ L 331, 15.12.2001, p. 101.