

COMMISSION DECISION

of 31 October 2006

amending Decision 2005/359/EC as regards the ports of unloading of oak (*Quercus* L.) logs with bark attached, originating in the United States

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(2006/750/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 2000/29/EC of 8 May 2000 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⁾, and in particular Article 15(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Under Directive 2000/29/EC, oak (*Quercus* L.) logs with bark attached, originating in the United States, may, in principle, not be introduced into the Community because of the risk of introducing *Ceratocystis fagacearum* (Bretz) Hunt, the cause of oak wilt.
- (2) Commission Decision 2005/359/EC of 29 April 2005 providing for a derogation from certain provisions of Council Directive 2000/29/EC as regards oak (*Quercus* L.) logs with bark attached, originating in the United States of America ⁽²⁾ permits the import of such logs, originating in the United States under certain conditions.
- (3) Article 3(1) of Decision 2005/359/EC provides for unloading only in the ports listed in Annex II to that Decision. It is appropriate to add the ports of Riga and

Koper to the list of ports in Annex II, as requested by Latvia and Slovenia respectively, and to delete the port of Lauterborg as requested by France, following consultation with the other Member States as provided for in Article 3(2) of the above Decision.

- (4) 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

Annex II to Decision 2005/359/EC is replaced by the Annex to this Decision.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 31 October 2006.

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 169, 10.7.2000, p. 1. Directive as last amended by Commission Directive 2006/35/EC (OJ L 88, 25.3.2006, p. 9).

⁽²⁾ OJ L 114, 4.5.2005, p. 14.

ANNEX

'ANNEX II

PORTS OF UNLOADING

1. Amsterdam
 2. Antwerp
 3. Århus
 4. Bilbao
 5. Bremen
 6. Bremerhaven
 7. Copenhagen
 8. Hamburg
 9. Klaipeda
 10. Koper
 11. Larnaca
 12. Leghorn
 13. Le Havre
 14. Lemesos
 15. Lisbon
 16. Marseilles
 17. Marsaxlokk
 18. Muuga
 19. Naples
 20. Nordenham
 21. Oporto
 22. Piraeus
 23. Ravenna
 24. Riga
 25. Rostock
 26. Rotterdam
 27. Salerno
 28. Sines
 29. Stralsund
 30. Valencia
 31. Valletta
 32. Venice
 33. Vigo
 34. Wismar
 35. Zeebrugge'
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