

COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 11 December 2006

extending the period of validity of Decision 2002/887/EC in respect of naturally or artificially dwarfed plants of *Chamaecyparis* Spach, *Juniperus* L. and *Pinus* L., originating in Japan

(notified under document number C(2006) 5997)

(2006/915/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,

Having regard to the request made by the United Kingdom,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Decision 2002/887/EC of 8 November 2002 authorising derogations from certain provisions of Council Directive 2000/29/EC in respect of naturally or artificially dwarfed plants of *Chamaecyparis* Spach, *Juniperus* L. and *Pinus* L., originating in Japan⁽²⁾ authorises Member States to provide for derogations from certain provisions of Directive 2000/29/EC in respect of plants of *Chamaecyparis* Spach, *Juniperus* L. and *Pinus* L., originating in Japan, for limited periods and subject to specific conditions.
- (2) Since the circumstances justifying the authorisation still apply and there is no new information giving cause for revision of the specific conditions, the authorisation should be extended.
- (3) Decision 2002/887/EC should therefore be extended accordingly.
- (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

Decision 2002/887/EC is amended as follows:

1. In the first paragraph and in the second paragraph of Article 2, '1 August 2005 and 1 August 2006' is replaced by '1 August 2007 and 1 August 2008'.
2. The table in Article 4 is replaced by the following table:

Plants	Period
<i>Chamaecyparis</i> :	1.1.2007 to 31.12.2008
<i>Juniperus</i> :	1.11.2006 to 31.3.2007, and 1.11.2007 to 31.3.2008
<i>Pinus</i> :	1.1.2007 to 31.12.2008'

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 11 December 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 309, 12.11.2002, p. 8. Decision as amended by Decision 2004/826/EC (OJ L 358, 3.12.2004, p. 32).