

## COMMISSION DECISION

of 6 December 2007

amending Decision 2004/4/EC authorising Member States temporarily to take emergency measures against the dissemination of *Pseudomonas solanacearum* (Smith) Smith as regards Egypt

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(2007/842/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<sup>(1)</sup>, and in particular Article 16(3) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Under Commission Decision 2004/4/EC<sup>(2)</sup>, tubers of *Solanum tuberosum* L., originating in Egypt, must not in principle be introduced into the Community. However, for the 2006/07 import season the entry into the Community of such tubers was permitted from 'pest-free areas' and subject to specific conditions.
- (2) During the 2006/07 import season, one interception of *Pseudomonas solanacearum* (Smith) Smith was recorded.
- (3) Egypt has reacted to this interception in a satisfactory way. The respective area has been taken off the list of 'pest free areas' for the 2007/08 import season.
- (4) In the light of the information provided by Egypt, the Commission has established that there is no risk of spreading *Pseudomonas solanacearum* (Smith) Smith with the entry into the Community of tubers of *Solanum tuberosum* L. from 'pest-free areas' of Egypt, provided that certain conditions are satisfied.
- (5) The entry into the Community of tubers of *Solanum tuberosum* L., originating in 'pest-free areas' of Egypt, should therefore be permitted for the 2007/08 import season.
- (6) Decision 2004/4/EC should therefore be amended accordingly.

- (7) 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 2004/4/EC is amended as follows:

1. in Article 2 paragraph 1 '2006/07' is replaced by '2007/08';
2. in Article 4, '31 August 2007' is replaced by '31 August 2008';
3. in Article 7, '30 September 2007' is replaced by '30 September 2008';
4. the Annex is amended as follows:
  - (a) in point 1(b)(iii), '2006/07' is replaced by '2007/08';
  - (b) in the second indent of point 1(b)(iii), '1 January 2007' is replaced by '1 January 2008';
  - (c) in point 1(b)(xii), '1 January 2007' is replaced by '1 January 2008'.

## Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 6 December 2007.

For the Commission  
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Member of the Commission

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 169, 10.7.2000, p. 1. Directive as last amended by Commission Directive 2007/41/EC (OJ L 169, 29.6.2007, p. 51).

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 2, 6.1.2004, p. 50. Decision as last amended by Decision 2006/749/EC (OJ L 302, 1.11.2006, p. 47).