
**EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES (INTRODUCTION OF ORGANISMS HARMFUL TO
PLANTS OR PLANT PRODUCTS) (PROHIBITION) (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2)
REGULATIONS 1998**

I, JOE WALSH, Minister for Agriculture and Food, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by Section 3 of the European Communities Act, 1972 (No. 27 of 1972) and for the purpose of giving effect to Commission Directive 98/1/EC of 8 January 1998(1), Commission Directive 98/2/EC of 8 January 1998(2) and Commission Directive 98/17/EC of 11 March 1998(3) hereby make the following Regulations:

- (1) O.J. L.15 of 21.1.1998
- (2) O.J. L.15 of 21.1.1998
- (3) O.J. L.85 of 20.1.1998

REG 1

- 1. (1) These Regulations may be cited as the European Communities (Introduction of Organisms Harmful to Plants or Plant Products) (Prohibition) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations, 1998.
- (2) The collective citation "European Communities (Introduction of Organisms Harmful to Plants or Plant Products) (Prohibition) Regulations 1980 to 1998" shall include these Regulations.

REG 2

- 2. In these Regulations "the Principal Regulations" means the European Communities (Introduction of Organisms Harmful to Plants or Plant Products) (Prohibition) Regulations, 1980 (S.I. No. 125 of 1980).

REG 3

- 3. Regulation 2 of the Principal Regulations is hereby amended by the substitution in paragraph (1), in the definition of "the Directive", for "and Council Directive 97/3/EC of 20 January 1997" (inserted by the European Communities (Introduction of Organisms Harmful to Plants or Plant Products) (Prohibition) (Amendment) Regulations, 1998 (S.I. No. 78 of 1998)) of ", Council Directive 97/3/EC of 20 January 1997, Commission Directive 98/1/EC of 8 January 1998, Commission Directive 98/2/EC of 8 January 1998 and Commission Directive 98/17/EC of 11 March 1998".

GIVEN under my Official Seal, this 22nd day of April, 1998.

JOE WALSH,
Minister for Agriculture and Food.

EXPLANATORY NOTE.

These Regulations implement the provisions of Commission Directives 98/1/EC and 98/2/EC to strengthen protective measures against the introduction and spread of organisms harmful to plants and plant products in contravention of the European Communities (Introduction of Organisms Harmful to Plants or Plant Products) (Prohibition) Regulations, 1980, as amended. The Regulations also implement the provisions of Commission Directive 98/17/EC which extends the expiry date for Ireland's protected zone status in respect of the harmful organism *Erwinia amylovora*.