

STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS.

S.I. No. 53 of 1999.

EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES (INTRODUCTION OF ORGANISMS HARMFUL TO PLANTS OR PLANT PRODUCTS) (PROHIBITION) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS, 1999.

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 98/100/EC of 21 December 1998⁽¹⁾ hereby make the following Regulations:

⁽¹⁾ O.J.L. 351 of 29.12.98.

1. (1) These Regulations may be cited as the European Communities (Introduction of Organisms Harmful to Plants or Plant or Products) (Prohibition) (Amendment) Regulations, 1999.

(2) The collective citation "European Communities (Introduction of Organisms Harmful to Plants or Plant Products) (Prohibition) Regulations 1980 to 1999" shall include these Regulations.

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).

3. Regulation 2 of the Principal Regulations is hereby amended by the substitution in paragraph (1) in the definition of "the Directive" for "and Commission Directive 98/22/EC of 15 April 1998" (inserted by the European Communities (Introduction of Organisms Harmful to Plants or Plant Products) (Prohibition) (Amendment) (No. 4) Regulations, 1998 (S.I. No. 398 of 1998)) of ", Commission Directive 98/22/EC of 15 April 1998 and Commission Directive 98/100/EC of 21 December 1998".

(L.S.)

GIVEN under my Official Seal, this 19th day of February, 1999.

JOE WALSH,

Minister for Agriculture and Food.

EXPLANATORY NOTE.

(This note is not part of the Instrument and does not purport to be a legal interpretation.)

These Regulations implement the provisions of Commission Directive 98/100/EC which extends the expiry date for Ireland's protected zone status in respect of the harmful organism *Erwinia amylovora*.