



STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS.

S.I. No. 227 of 1999.

EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES (INTRODUCTION OF ORGANISMS HARMFUL TO PLANTS OR PLANT PRODUCTS) (PROHIBITION) (AMENDMENT) (No. 2) 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 Council Directive 98/57/EC of 20 July 1998⁽¹⁾ and Commission Directive 1999/53/EC of 26 May 1999⁽²⁾, hereby make the following Regulations:

⁽²⁾ O.J.L. 142 of 5.6.1999

⁽¹⁾ O.J.L. 235 of 21.8.1998

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, 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 98/100/EC of 21 December 1998" (inserted by the European Communities (Introduction of Organisms Harmful to Plants or Plant Products) (Prohibition) (Amendment) Regulations, 1999 (S.I. No. 53 of 1999)) of ", Commission Directive 98/100/EC of 21 December 1998, Council Directive 98/57/EC of 20 July 1998 and Commission Directive 1999/53/EC of 26 May 1999".

GIVEN under my Official Seal, this 21st day of July, 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 Council Directive 98/57/EC to protect against the introduction and spread of the harmful organism *Ralstonia solanacearum* (Smith) Yabuuchi *et al* previously known as *Pseudomonas solanacearum* (Smith) Smith. The Regulations also implement the provisions of Commission Directive 1999/53/EC which amends Annex III to Council Directive 77/93/EEC to repeal certain provisions on protective measures against the introduction into the Community of organisms harmful to plants or plant products and against their spread within the Community.