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Specific conditions applying to plants of strawberry (*Fragaria L.*), intended for planting, other than seeds, originating in Argentina benefiting from derogations provided for in Article 1 of this Decision

1. The plants shall be intended for fruit production within the Community and shall have been:
 - (a) produced exclusively from mother plants, which were imported from a Member State and certified under an approved certification scheme of a Member State;
 - (b) grown on land which:
 - is situated in an area isolated from commercial strawberry production;
 - is situated at least one kilometre from the nearest crop of strawberry plants grown for fruit or runner production which do not satisfy the conditions of this Decision;
 - is situated at least 200 metres from any other plants of the genus *Fragaria* which do not satisfy the conditions of this Decision; and
 - was, subsequent to the removal of the previous crops and before the planting of the plants, either officially tested by appropriate methods and shown to be free from harmful soil infesting organisms including *Globodera pallida* (Stone) Behrens and *Globodera rostochiensis* (Wollenweber) Behrens, or treated to ensure it was free from those organisms;
 - (c) officially inspected by the Plant Protection Service of Argentina, at least three times during the growing season and again prior to export for the presence of the harmful organisms listed in Part A of Annexes I and II to Directive 2000/29/EC, in particular:
 - *Aphelenchoides besseyi* Christie,
 - *Globodera pallida* (Stone) Behrens,
 - *Globodera rostochiensis* (Wollenweber) Behrens,
 - *Naupactus leucoloma* (Boheman),
 - *Phytophthora fragariae* Hickmann var. *fragariae*,
 - Strawberry crinkle virus,
 - Strawberry mild yellow edge virus,
 - Strawberry vein banding virus,
 - *Xanthomonas fragariae* Kennedy and King,
 - *Xiphinema americanum* Cobb *sensu lato* (non European populations);and of any other harmful organism which is not known to occur in the Community such as:
 - *Dendrophoma obscurans*,
 - *Fusarium oxysporum* f.sp. *fragariae*,
 - *Loxostege similalis*,
 - *Pratylenchus zaei*,
 - *Rhizoctonia fragariae*;and on each occasion found to be free from all such organisms;
 - (d) prior to export:
 - shaken free from soil or other growing medium,
 - cleaned (i.e. free from plant debris) and free from flowers and fruits.

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Textual Amendments

F1 Deleted by Commission Decision of 2 February 2011 amending Decision 2003/248/EC as regards the extension of the duration of temporary derogations from certain provisions of Council Directive 2000/29/EC in respect of plants of strawberry (*Fragaria L.*), intended for planting, other than seeds, originating in Argentina (notified under document C(2011) 447) (2011/74/EU).

2. The plants shall be accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate issued in Argentina which complies with Article 7(1) and Article 13(1) of Directive 2000/29/EC, on the basis of the examination laid down therein.

The certificate shall state:

- under the rubric ‘Disinfestation and/or disinfection treatment’, the specification of the last treatment(s) applied prior to export,
 - under ‘Additional Declaration’, the indication ‘This consignment meets the conditions laid down in Commission Decision 2003/248/EC’, as well as the name of the variety and the Member State certification scheme under which the mother plants have been certified.
3. The plants shall be introduced through points of entry designated for the purpose of the authorisation by the Member State in which they are situated.

Those points of entry and the name and address of the responsible official body referred to in Directive 2000/29/EC in charge of each point of entry shall be notified sufficiently in advance by the Member States to the Commission and shall be made available on request to other Member States.

Where the introduction of the plants into the Community takes place in a Member State other than the Member State making use of the authorisation, the responsible official bodies of the Member State of introduction shall inform and cooperate with the responsible official bodies of the Member States making use of the authorisation to ensure that this Decision is complied with.

4. Prior to introduction of the plants into the Community, the importer shall be officially informed of the conditions laid down in points 1 to 6.

The said importer shall notify details of each introduction sufficiently in advance to the responsible official bodies of the Member State of introduction indicating the following:

- the type of material,
- the quantity of plants,
- the intended date of introduction into the Community,
- the intended point of entry into the Community,
- the name, addresses and the locations where the plants are to be stored under official control pending the results of the inspections referred to in point 5 or of the premises referred to in point 6 where the plants are to be planted after having successfully undergone the inspections and testing referred to in point 5.

The importer shall inform the responsible official bodies concerned of any changes to the details referred to in this point as soon as they are known.

The Member State concerned shall inform the Commission of the details referred to in this point, and of any changes to them without delay.

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At least two weeks before the date the plants are moved from the premises where they are stored, the importer shall notify the responsible official body of the premises referred to in point 6 where the plants are to be planted.

5. The inspections, including testing as appropriate, required under Article 13 of Directive 2000/29/EC and under point 8 of this Decision shall be made by the responsible official bodies in the Member State making use of the authorisation, and where appropriate, in cooperation with the responsible official bodies of the Member State where the plants are to be planted.

During those inspections, Member State(s) shall also inspect, and where appropriate, test for harmful organisms mentioned in point 1(c). Any finding of such harmful organisms shall immediately be notified to the Commission. Appropriate action shall be taken to destroy the harmful organisms and where appropriate the plants concerned.

Without prejudice to the monitoring referred to in the second indent of Article 21(3) of Directive 2000/29/EC, the Commission shall determine to what extent the inspections referred to in that indent shall be integrated into the inspection programme in accordance with the fifth subparagraph of Article 21(5) of that Directive.

6. The plants shall be planted only at premises officially registered and approved for the purposes of the authorisation.

The person who intends to plant the plants shall notify in advance the responsible official bodies of the Member State in which the premises are situated of the name and address of the owner of those premises.

Where the place of planting is situated in a Member State other than the Member State making use of the authorisation, the responsible official bodies of the Member State making use of the authorisation shall inform the responsible official bodies of the Member State where the plants are to be planted of the name and addresses of the premises where the plants are to be planted. Such information shall be given at the moment of the receipt of the advance notification from the importer as referred to in point 4.

7. The responsible official bodies shall ensure that any plant not planted in accordance with point 6 is destroyed under their control.

Records of the numbers of such plants destroyed shall be kept and made available to the Commission on request.

8. In the growing period following importation, a suitable proportion of the plants shall be visually inspected by the responsible official bodies of the Member State where the plants are planted, at appropriate times, at the premises referred to in point 6, for the presence, signs or symptoms of any harmful organism. As a result of such visual inspection, any harmful organism having caused signs or symptoms shall be identified by an appropriate testing procedure. Any plant which has not been found free during the said inspections or testing, from the harmful organisms mentioned in point (1)(c) shall be immediately destroyed under the control of the responsible official bodies. The Commission shall be immediately notified thereof.

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