

Commission Decision of 5 July 2006 recognising certain third countries and certain areas of third countries as being free from *Xanthomonas campestris* (all strains pathogenic to Citrus), *Cercospora angolensis* Carv. et Mendes and *Guignardia citricarpa* Kiely (all strains pathogenic to Citrus) (notified under document number C(2006) 3024) (2006/473/EC)

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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⁽¹⁾, and in particular points 16.2, 16.3 and 16.4 of Section I of Part A of Annex IV thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In order to permit the introduction of fruits of *Citrus* L., *Fortunella* Swingle, *Poncirus* Raf., and their hybrids from third countries into the Community or their movement within the Community under Directive 2000/29/EC, Commission Decision 98/83/EC of 8 January 1998 recognising certain third countries and certain areas of third countries as being free of *Xanthomonas campestris* (all strains pathogenic to Citrus), *Cercospora angolensis* Carv. et Mendes and *Guignardia citricarpa* Kiely (all strains pathogenic to Citrus)⁽²⁾ recognised certain third countries and certain areas of third countries as being free from those harmful organisms.
- (2) Since its adoption, Decision 98/83/EC has been amended several times. In the interest of clarity and rationality Decision 98/83/EC should, therefore, be repealed and replaced.
- (3) New Zealand has submitted official information showing that its territory is free from *Xanthomonas campestris* and *Guignardia citricarpa*. New Zealand should therefore be recognised as being free from those harmful organisms.
- (4) South Africa has submitted official information showing that the magisterial districts of Hartswater and Warrenton in Northern Cape are free from *Guignardia citricarpa*. These districts of South Africa should therefore be recognised as being free from this harmful organism.

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Commission Decision of 5 July 2006 recognising certain third countries and certain areas of third countries as being free from *Xanthomonas campestris* (all strains pathogenic to Citrus), *Cercospora angolensis* Carv. et Mendes and *Guignardia citricarpa* Kiely (all strains pathogenic to Citrus) (notified under document number C(2006) 3024) (2006/473/EC), Introductory Text. (See end of Document for details)

- (5) Australia has submitted information indicating that Queensland is no longer free from *Xanthomonas campestris*. Queensland should therefore no longer be recognised as being free from that harmful organism.
- (6) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on Plant Health,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Editorial Information

- X1** Substituted by [Corrigendum to Commission Decision of 5 July 2006 recognising certain third countries and certain areas of third countries as being free from *Xanthomonas campestris* \(all strains pathogenic to Citrus\), *Cercospora angolensis* Carv. et Mendes and *Guignardia citricarpa* Kiely \(all strains pathogenic to Citrus\) \(Official Journal of the European Union L 187 of 8 July 2006\)](#).

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- (1) [OJ L 169, 10.7.2000, p. 1](#). Directive as last amended by Commission Directive 2006/35/EC ([OJ L 88, 25.3.2006, p. 9](#)).
- (2) [OJ L 15, 21.1.1998, p. 41](#). Decision as last amended by Decision 2003/129/EC ([OJ L 51, 26.2.2003, p. 21](#)).

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