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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 In the interest of clarity and rationality Decision 98/83/EC should, therefore, be repealed and replaced.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.
- (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:

⁽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).

▼B*Article 1*

1. For the purposes of point 16.2 of Section I of Part A of Annex IV, the following third countries are recognised as being free from all strains of *Xanthomonas campestris* pathogenic to Citrus:

- (a) all citrus-growing third countries in Europe, Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Libya, Morocco, Tunisia and Turkey;
- (b) Africa: South Africa, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Kenya, Sudan, Swaziland and Zimbabwe;
- (c) Central and South America and the Caribbean: the Bahamas, Belize, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Peru, the Dominican Republic, Saint Lucia, El Salvador, Surinam and Venezuela;
- (d) Oceania: New Zealand.

2. For the purposes of point 16.2 of Section I of Part A of Annex IV, the following areas are recognised as being free from all strains of *Xanthomonas campestris* pathogenic to Citrus:

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- (a) Australia: New South Wales, the Northern Territory, Queensland, South Australia, Victoria and Western Australia;

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- (b) Brazil, except the States of Rio Grande do Sul, Santa Catarina, Paraná, São Paulo, Minas Gerais and Mato Grosso do Sul;
- (c) United States: Arizona, California, Guam, Hawaii, Louisiana, Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, American Samoa, Texas and the United States Virgin Islands;
- (d) Uruguay, except the Departments of Salto, Rivera and Paysandu — north of River Chapicuy.

Article 2

For the purposes of point 16.3 of Section I of Part A of Annex IV, the following third countries are recognised as being free from *Cercospora angolensis* Carv. et Mendes:

- (a) all citrus-growing third countries in North, Central and South America, the Caribbean, Asia, except Yemen, Europe and Oceania;
- (b) all citrus-growing third countries in Africa, except Angola, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo, Gabon, Guinea, Kenya, Mozambique, Nigeria, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

Article 3

1. For the purposes of point 16.4 of Section I of Part A of Annex IV, the following third countries are recognised as being free from all strains of *Guignardia citricarpa* Kiely pathogenic to Citrus:

- (a) all citrus-growing third countries in North, Central and South America, except Argentina and Brazil, the Caribbean and Europe;
- (b) all citrus-growing third countries in Asia, except Bhutan, China, Indonesia, Philippines and Taiwan;
- (c) all citrus-growing third countries in Africa, except South Africa, Kenya, Mozambique, Swaziland, Zambia and Zimbabwe;
- (d) all citrus-growing third countries in Oceania, except Australia and Vanuatu.

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2. For the purposes of point 16.4 of Section I of Part A of Annex IV, the following areas are recognised as being free from all strains of *Guignardia citricarpa* Kiely pathogenic to Citrus:

- (a) South Africa: Western Cape; Northern Cape: magisterial districts of Hartswater and Warrenton;
- (b) Australia: South Australia, Western Australia and Northern Territory;
- (c) China: all areas, except Sichuan, Yunnan, Guangdong, Fujian and Zhejiang;
- (d) Brazil: all areas, except the States of Rio de Janeiro, São Paulo and Rio Grande do Sul.

Article 4

Decision 98/83/EC shall be repealed.

Article 5

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.