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THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 92/65/EEC of 13 July 1992 laying down animal health requirements governing trade in and imports into the Community of animals, semen, ova and embryos not subject to animal health requirements laid down in specific Community rules referred to in Annex A (1) to Directive 90/425/EEC⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 22 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The model certificate for intra-Community trade in live bees (*Apis mellifera*) is laid down in Part 2 of Annex E to Directive 92/65/EEC. In this health certificate, there are no animal health requirements as regards the small hive beetle (*Aethina tumida*) or the *Tropilaelaps* mite (*Tropilaelaps* spp.), as these infestations have never been recorded in the Community.
- (2) However, to reflect the potential threat of these pests, their presence is now subject to a compulsory OIE (International Office of Epizootic Diseases) notification and protection measures on the importation of live bees from third countries have been laid down in Commission Decision 2003/881/EC⁽²⁾.
- (3) Despite these measures, should these pests be introduced into the Community, it is important that additional precautionary measures are in place to limit the spread of the disease throughout the Community. It is therefore opportune to review the certificate for intra-Community trade of live bees and bumble bees in order to introduce animal health requirements concerning the small hive beetle and the *Tropilaelaps* mite infestations.
- (4) These requirements should be aimed at limiting the movements of live bees (*Apis mellifera*) and bumble bees (*Bombus* spp.) from infected areas. Taking into account the capacity of the small hive beetle and the *Tropilaelaps* mite to spread quickly, the area

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to consider under restriction in the case of an outbreak of this disease should be at least 100 kilometres around the infected premises.

- (5) In addition, the Trade Control and Expert System (Traces), an integrated computerised veterinary system, was established in accordance with Commission Decision 2003/623/EC⁽³⁾. For Traces to work as effectively as possible, the models for the certificates for intra-Community trade should be compatible with this electronic system.
- (6) Therefore, the health certificates in Annex E to Directive 92/65/EEC should be amended in order to facilitate the operation of Traces, and the health certificate in Part 2 of Annex E should, in addition, be modified to include the additional health measures for the trade in live bees and bumble bees.
- (7) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on the Food Chain and Animal Health,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

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- (1) [OJ L 268, 14.9.1992, p. 54](#). Directive as last amended by Directive 2004/68/EC ([OJ L 139, 30.4.2004, p. 321](#), as corrected by [OJ L 226, 25.6.2004, p. 128](#)).
- (2) [OJ L 328, 17.12.2003, p. 26](#). Decision as amended by Decision 2005/60/EC ([OJ L 25, 28.1.2005, p. 64](#)).
- (3) [OJ L 216, 28.8.2003, p. 58](#).

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