

COMMISSION DECISION

of 26 October 2010

extending the period of validity of Decision 2002/499/EC in respect of naturally or artificially dwarfed plants of *Chamaecyparis* Spach, *Juniperus* L. and *Pinus* L., originating in the Republic of Korea

(notified under document C(2010) 7281)

(2010/646/EU)

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

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 Article 15(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Decision 2002/499/EC of 26 June 2002 authorizing derogations from certain provisions of Council Directive 2000/29/EC in respect of naturally or artificially dwarfed plants of *Chamaecyparis* Spach, *Juniperus* L. and *Pinus* L., originating in the Republic of Korea⁽²⁾, authorises Member States to provide for derogations from Article 4(1) of Directive 2000/29/EC in respect of plants of *Chamaecyparis* Spach, *Juniperus* L. and *Pinus* L., other than fruits and seeds, originating in the Republic of Korea, for limited periods and subject to specific conditions.
- (2) The derogations granted by Decision 2002/499/EC were limited in time and the dates foreseen in that Decision have been prolonged by Commission Decisions 2005/775/EC⁽³⁾ and 2007/432/EC⁽⁴⁾.
- (3) Since the circumstances justifying these derogations still apply and there is no new information giving cause for revision of the specific conditions, the authorisation for derogations should be extended. Moreover, experience has been gained from information collected by the Member States in accordance with Article 2 of Decision 2002/499/EC, as well as on the basis of contacts with the Republic of Korea. Furthermore, appropriate mechanisms are established in this Decision to ensure the monitoring of the conditions of application of the derogations. Therefore it is appropriate to extend the authorisations for derogations granted in this Decision for a longer period than the ones granted by previous Decisions, and namely until 31 December 2020.

- (4) However, and due to phytosanitary reasons, the import of naturally or artificially dwarfed plants of *Juniperus* L. originating in the Republic of Korea should take place only during a specific period of each year until 31 December 2020.
- (5) Decision 2002/499/EC should therefore be amended accordingly.
- (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:

Article 1

Decision 2002/499/EC is amended as follows:

1. In the first and second paragraphs of Article 2, the sentence '1 August of each year from 2005 to 2010' is replaced by '1 August of each year'.
2. The table in Article 4 is replaced by the following table:

Plants	Period
<i>Chamaecyparis</i>	1.1.2011–31.12.2020
<i>Juniperus</i>	1.11. to 31.3. of each year until 31.12.2020
<i>Pinus</i>	1.1.2011–31.12.2020'

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 26 October 2010.

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 169, 10.7.2000, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 168, 27.6.2002, p. 53.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 292, 8.11.2005, p. 11.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 161, 22.6.2007, p. 65.