

Council Directive 93/85/EEC of 4 October 1993 on the control of potato ring rot

Article 5

1 If official or officially supervised laboratory testing using the method set out in Annex I confirms the presence of the organism in a sample of tubers, plants, or parts of plants, the responsible official bodies of a Member State, having regard to sound scientific principles, the biology of the organism and the particular production, marketing and processing systems in that Member State shall:

- a designate as contaminated the tubers or plants, consignment and/or lot, and the machinery, vehicle, vessel, store, or units thereof, and any other objects including packaging material, from which the sample was taken, and, where appropriate, the place(s) of production and field(s) from which the tubers or plants were harvested;
- b determine, taking into account the provisions of point 1 of Annex III, the extent of probable contamination through pre- or post-harvest contact or through production link with the designated contamination;
- c demarcate a zone on the basis of the designation of contamination under (a), the determination of the extent of probable contamination under (b), and the possible spread of the organism, taking into account the provisions of point 2 of Annex III.

2 Member States shall immediately notify the other Member States and the Commission, in accordance with the provisions of point 3 of Annex III, of any contamination designated under paragraph 1 (a) and the details of the zone demarcation under paragraph 1 (c).

The details of this notification shall be confidential. They may be submitted to the Committee in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 16a of Directive 77/93/EEC.

3 As a result of the notification under paragraph 2 and the elements mentioned therein, other Member States detailed in the notification shall, as appropriate, designate contamination, determine the extent of probable contamination and demarcate a zone, in accordance with paragraph 1 (a), (b) and (c) respectively.