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THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 2002/55/EC of 13 June 2002 on the marketing of vegetable seed⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 7(2)(a) and (b) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Directive 2003/91/EC⁽²⁾ was adopted to ensure that the varieties the Member States include in their national catalogues comply with the guidelines established by the Community Plant Variety Office (CPVO) as regards the characteristics to be covered as a minimum by the examination and the minimum conditions for examining the varieties, as far as such guidelines had been established. For other varieties the Directive provides that guidelines of the International Union for Protection of new Varieties of Plants (UPOV) are to apply.
- (2) The CPVO and UPOV have since issued further guidelines for a number of other species, and have updated existing ones.
- (3) The scope of Directive 2002/55/EC has been extended in order to cover new species.
- (4) Directive 2003/91/EC should therefore be amended accordingly.
- (5) The measures provided for in this Directive are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on Seeds and Propagating Material for Agriculture, Horticulture and Forestry,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE:

Article 1

Annexes I and II to Directive 2003/91/EC are replaced by the text in the Annex to this Directive.

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Article 2

For examinations started before 1 July 2007 Member States may decide to apply Directive 2003/91/EC in the version applying before its amendment by the present Directive.

Article 3

Member States shall adopt and publish, by 30 June 2007 at the latest, the laws, regulations and administrative provisions necessary to comply with this Directive. They shall forthwith communicate to the Commission the text of those provisions and a correlation table between those provisions and this Directive.

They shall apply those provisions from 1 July 2007.

When Member States adopt those provisions, they shall contain a reference to this Directive or be accompanied by such a reference on the occasion of their official publication. Member States shall determine how such reference is to be made.

Article 4

This Directive shall enter into force on the 20th day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

Article 5

This Directive is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 7 December 2006.

For the Commission

Markos KYPRIANOU

Member of the Commission

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ANNEX List of species referred to in Article 1(2)(a) which are to comply with CPVO test protocolsScientific nameCommon nameCPVO protocolAllium cepa L. (Cepa group)Onion and EchalionTP 46/1 of 14.6.2005Allium cepa L. (Aggregatum group)ShallotTP 46/1 of 14.6.2005Allium porrum L.LeekTP 85/1 of 15.11.2001Allium sativum L.GarlicTP 162/1 of 25.3.2004Asparagus officinalis L.AsparagusTP 130/1 of 27.3.2002Brassica oleracea L.CauliflowerTP 45/1 of 15.11.2001Brassica oleracea L.Sprouting Broccoli or CalabreseTP 151/1 of 27.3.2002Brassica oleracea L.Brussels sproutsTP 54/2 of 1.12.2005Brassica oleracea L.KohlrabiTP 65/1 of 25.3.2004Brassica oleracea L.Savoy cabbage, White cabbage and Red cabbageTP 48/2 of 1.12.2005Capsicum annuum L.Chilli or PepperTP 76/1 of 27.3.2002Cichorium endivia L.Curled-leaved endive and Plain-leaved endiveTP 118/2 of 1.12.2005Cichorium intybus L.Industrial chicoryTP 172/2 of 1.12.2005Cichorium intybus L.Witloof chicoryTP 173/1 of 25.3.2004Cucumis melo L.MelonTP 104/1 of 27.3.2002Cucumis sativus L.Cucumber and GherkinTP 61/1 of 27.3.2002Cucurbita pepo L.Marrow or CourgetteTP 119/1 of 25.3.2004Cynara cardunculus L.Globe artichoke and CardoonTP 184/1 of 25.3.2004Daucus carota L.Carrot and Fodder carrotTP 49/2 of 1.12.2005Foeniculum vulgare Mill.FennelTP 183/1 of 25.3.2004Lactuca sativa L.LettuceTP 13/2 of 1.12.2005Lycopersicon esculentum Mill.TomatoTP 44/2 of 15.11.2001Phaseolus vulgaris L.Dwarf French bean and Climbing French beanTP 12/2 of 1.12.2005Pisum sativum L. (partim)Wrinkled pea, Round pea and Sugar peaTP 07/1 of 6.11.2003Raphanus sativus L.RadishTP 64/1 of 27.3.2002Spinacia oleracea L.SpinachTP 55/1 of 27.3.2002 Valerianella locusta (L.) Laterr. Corn salad or Lamb's lettuce TP 75/1 of 27.3.2002Vicia faba L. (partim)Broad beanTP Broadbean/1 of 25.3.2004Zea mays L. (partim)Sweetcorn and PopcornTP 2/2 of 15.11.2001

The text of these protocols can be found on the CPVO web site (www.cpvo.europa.eu).

ANNEX List of species referred to in Article 1(2)(b) which are to comply with UPOV test guidelinesScientific nameCommon nameUPOV guidelineAllium II fistulosum L.Japanese bunching onion or Welsh onionTG/161/3 of 1.4.1998Allium schoenoprasum L.ChivesTG/198/1 of 9.4.2003Apium graveolens L.CeleryTG/82/4 of 17.4.2002Apium graveolens L.CeleriacTG/74/4 corr. of 17.4.2002 + 5.4.2006Beta vulgaris L.Spinach beet or ChardTG/106/4 of 31.3.2004Beta vulgaris L.Beetroot including Cheltenham beetTG/60/6 of 18.10.1996Brassica oleracea L.Curly kaleTG/90/6 of 31.3.2004Brassica rapa L.Chinese cabbageTG/105/4 of 9.4.2003Brassica rapa L.TurnipTG/37/10 of 4.4.2001Cichorium intybus L.Largeleaved chicory or Italian chicoryTG/154/3 of 18.10.1996Citrullus lanatus (Thunb.) Matsum. et NakaiWatermelonTG/142/4 of 31.3.2004Cucurbita maxima DuchesneGourdTG/155/3 of 18.10.1996Petroselinum crispum (Mill.) Nyman ex A. W. HillParsleyTG/136/5 of 6.4.2005Phaseolus coccineus L.Runner beanTG/9/5 of 9.4.2003Raphanus sativus L.Black radishTG/63/6 of 24.3.1999Rheum rhabarbarum L.RhubarbTG/62/6 of 24.3.1999Scorzonera hispanica L.Scorzonera or Black salsifyTG/116/3 of 21.10.1988Solanum melongena L.Aubergine or EggplantTG/117/4 of 17.4.2002

The text of these guidelines can be found on the UPOV web site (www.upov.int).

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- OJ L 193, 20.7.2002, p. 33. Directive as last amended by Directive 2004/117/EC (OJ L 14, 18.1.2005, p. 18).
- (2) OJ L 254, 8.10.2003, p. 11.