

## ANNEX III

### SECTION I

#### VERIFICATION

With reference to Article 5(2), the official investigation referred to in Article 4(1) shall establish that at the time of verification one of the following criteria are met:

— no history of potato cyst nematodes in the field during the last 12 years, based on the results of appropriate officially approved testing,

or

— a known cropping history in which no potatoes or other hosts plants listed in point 1 of Annex I have been grown in the field in the past 12 years.

### SECTION II

#### SURVEYS

The official surveys referred to in Article 6(1), shall be conducted on at least 0,5 % of the acreage used in the relevant year for the production of potatoes, other than that intended for the production of seed potatoes. The results of the surveys shall be notified to the Commission by 1 April for the previous 12 month period.

### SECTION III

#### OFFICIAL MEASURES

- (A) The officially approved measures referred to in Article 4(4)(c), 9(1)(b) Article 10(1) (c) and in paragraph 2b of Annex I are:
1. disinfestation by appropriate methods such that there is no identifiable risk of the potato cyst nematodes spreading;
  2. removal of soil by washing or brushing until practically free of soil such that there is no identifiable risk of the potato cyst nematodes spreading.
- (B) The officially approved measures referred to in Article 10(1)(b) are delivery to a processing or grading plant with appropriate and officially approved waste disposal procedures for which it has been established that there is no risk of the potato cyst nematodes spreading.
- (C) The officially approved measures referred to in Article 13 are an official re-sampling of the field officially recorded as infested as referred to in Article 8(1) or 8(2), and testing using one of the methods specified in Annex II, after a minimum period of six years counting from the positive confirmation of potato cyst nematodes, or counting from the growing of the last potato crop. This period may be reduced to a minimum of three years if appropriate officially approved control measures have been taken.