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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) Directive 2003/91/EC should therefore be amended accordingly.
- (4) 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 November 2008 Member States may apply Directive 2003/91/EC in the version applying before its amendment by this Directive.

Article 3

Member States shall adopt and publish, by 31 October 2008 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 November 2008.

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, 13 August 2008.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

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List of species referred to in Article 1(2)(a) which are to comply with CPVO test protocols

Scientific name	Common name	CPVO protocol
Allium cepa L. (Cepa group)	Onion and Echalion	TP 46/1 of 14.6.2005
Allium cepa L. (Aggregatum group)	Shallot	TP 46/1 of 14.6.2005
Allium porrum L.	Leek	TP 85/1 of 15.11.2001
Allium sativum L.	Garlic	TP 162/1 of 25.3.2004
Apium graveolens L.	Celery	TP 82/1 of 13.3.2008
Apium graveolens L.	Celeriac	TP 74/1 of 13.3.2008
Asparagus officinalis L.	Asparagus	TP 130/1 of 27.3.2002
Brassica oleracea L.	Cauliflower	TP 45/1 of 15.11.2001
Brassica oleracea L.	Sprouting Broccoli or Calabrese	TP 151/2 of 21.3.2007
Brassica oleracea L.	Brussels sprouts	TP 54/2 of 1.12.2005
Brassica oleracea L.	Kohlrabi	TP 65/1 of 25.3.2004
Brassica oleracea L.	Savoy cabbage, White cabbage and Red cabbage	TP 48/2 of 1.12.2005
Brassica rapa L.	Chinese cabbage	TP 105/1 of 13.3.2008
Capsicum annuum L.	Chilli or Pepper	TP 76/2 of 21.3.2007
Cichorium endivia L.	Curled-leaved endive and Plain-leaved endive	TP 118/2 of 1.12.2005
Cichorium intybus L.	Industrial chicory	TP 172/2 of 1.12.2005
Cichorium intybus L.	Witloof chicory	TP 173/1 of 25.3.2004
Citrullus lanatus (Thunb.) Matsum. & Nakai	Watermelon	TP 142/1 of 21.3.2007
Cucumis melo L.	Melon	TP 104/2 of 21.3.2007
Cucumis sativus L.	Cucumber and Gherkin	TP 61/2 of 13.3.2008
Cucurbita pepo L.	Marrow or Courgette	TP 119/1 of 25.3.2004
Cynara cardunculus L.	Globe artichoke and Cardoon	TP 184/1 of 25.3.2004
Daucus carota L.	Carrot and Fodder carrot	TP 49/3 of 13.3.2008
Foeniculum vulgare Mill.	Fennel	TP 183/1 of 25.3.2004
Lactuca sativa L.	Lettuce	TP 13/3 of 21.3.2007

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Lycopersicon esculentum Mill.	Tomato	TP 44/3 of 21.3.2007
Petroselinum crispum (Mill.) Nyman ex A. W. Hill	Parsley	TP 136/1 of 21.3.2007
Phaseolus coccineus L.	Runner bean	TP 9/1 of 21.3.2007
Phaseolus vulgaris L.	Dwarf French bean and Climbing French bean	TP 12/2 of 1.12.2005
Pisum sativum L. (partim)	Wrinkled pea, Round pea and Sugar pea	TP 7/1 of 6.11.2003
Raphanus sativus L.	Radish	TP 64/1 of 27.3.2002
Solanum melongena L.	Aubergine or Egg plant	TP 117/1 of 13.3.2008
Spinacia oleracea L.	Spinach	TP 55/2 of 13.3.2008
Valerianella locusta (L.) Laterr.	Corn salad or Lamb's lettuce	TP 75/2 of 21.3.2007
Vicia faba L. (partim)	Broad bean	TP Broadbean/1 of 25.3.2004
Zea mays L. (partim)	Sweet corn and Pop corn	TP 2/2 of 15.11.2001

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

ANNEX II

List of species referred to in Article 1(2)(b) which are to comply with UPOV test guidelines

Scientific name	Common name	UPOV guideline
Allium fistulosum L.	Japanese bunching onion or Welsh onion	TG/161/3 of 1.4.1998
Allium schoenoprasum L.	Chives	TG/198/1 of 9.4.2003
Beta vulgaris L.	Spinach beet or Chard	TG/106/4 of 31.3.2004
Beta vulgaris L.	Beetroot including Cheltenham beet	TG/60/7 of 9.4.2008
Brassica oleracea L.	Curly kale	TG/90/6 of 31.3.2004
Brassica rapa L.	Turnip	TG/37/10 of 4.4.2001
Cichorium intybus L.	Large-leaved chicory or Italian chicory	TG/154/3 of 18.10.1996
Cucurbita maxima Duchesne	Gourd	TG/155/4 of 28.3.2007
Raphanus sativus L.	Black radish	TG/63/6 of 24.3.1999
Rheum rhabarbarum L.	Rhubarb	TG/62/6 of 24.3.1999
Scorzonera hispanica L.	Scorzonera or Black salsify	TG/116/3 of 21.10.1988

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- (1) OJ L 193, 20.7.2002, p. 33. Directive as last amended by Commission Directive 2006/124/EC (OJ L 339, 6.12.2006, p. 12).
- (2) OJ L 254, 8.10.2003, p. 11. Directive as last amended by Directive 2007/49/EC (OJ L 195, 27.7.2007, p. 33).