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THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

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 points (c) and (d) of the second paragraph of Article 14 thereof,

After consulting the Member States concerned,

Whereas:

- (1) Directive 2000/29/EC provides for certain zones to be recognised as protected zones.
- (2) Certain regions and parts of regions in Austria were recognised for a limited time as protected zones with respect to *Erwinia amylovora* (Burr.) Winsl. *et al.* by Commission Regulation (EC) No 690/2008⁽²⁾. Austria has submitted information showing that *Erwinia amylovora* (Burr.) Winsl. *et al.* is now established on its territory. Those regions and parts of regions should therefore no longer be recognised as protected zones.
- (3) In Greece, Crete and Lesvos were recognised as protected zones with respect to *Cryphonectria parasitica* (Murrill) Barr. Greece has submitted information showing that *Cryphonectria parasitica* (Murrill) Barr is now established in those regions. Crete and Lesvos should therefore no longer be recognised as protected zones in respect of that harmful organism.
- (4) As a result of previous amendments some of the cross-references and a reference to a protected zone in Annex IV to Directive 2000/29/EC have become obsolete and should be deleted.
- (5) Certain codes of wood and articles of wood of the Combined Nomenclature have been amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1031/2008⁽³⁾. It is necessary to adapt Directive 2000/29/EC to those technical developments.
- (6) Annexes II to V to Directive 2000/29/EC should therefore be amended accordingly.

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(7) The measures provided for in this Directive are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on Plant Health,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE:

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- **(1)** OJ L 169, 10.7.2000, p. 1.
- (2) OJ L 193, 22.7.2008, p. 1.
- (**3**) OJ L 291, 31.10.2008, p. 1.