

Commission Directive 2009/145/EC of 26 November 2009 providing for certain derogations, for acceptance of vegetable landraces and varieties which have been traditionally grown in particular localities and regions and are threatened by genetic erosion and of vegetable varieties with no intrinsic value for commercial crop production but developed for growing under particular conditions and for marketing of seed of those landraces and varieties (Text with EEA relevance)

CHAPTER I

Subject matter and definitions

Article 2

Definitions

For the purposes of this Directive the following definitions shall apply:

- (a) ‘conservation *in situ*’ means the conservation of genetic material in its natural surroundings and, in the case of cultivated plant species, in the farmed environment where they have developed their distinctive properties;
- (b) ‘genetic erosion’ means loss of genetic diversity between and within populations or varieties of the same species over time, or reduction of the genetic basis of a species due to human intervention or environmental change;
- (c) ‘landrace’ means a set of populations or clones of a plant species which are naturally adapted to the environmental conditions of their region.