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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

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 point (d) of the second paragraph of Article 14 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) From information supplied by the Member States it has become apparent that *Diabrotica virgifera virgifera* Le Conte has already spread and established in a large part of the Union territory. From an impact assessment carried out by the European Commission it was concluded that no measures are feasible to eradicate it or to effectively prevent its further spread.
- (2) In addition, effective and sustainable means of control minimizing the impact of this organism on maize yield exist, in particular the implementation of a crop rotation scheme.
- (3) Therefore no further protective measures should be set out under Directive 2000/29/ EC with respect to *Diabrotica virgifera virgifera* Le Conte. Consequently that organism should no more be listed as a harmful organism under that Directive.
- (4) Annex I to Directive 2000/29/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 Plant Health,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE:

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(**1**) OJ L 169, 10.7.2000, p. 1.