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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) Article 5(1) of Directive 2000/29/EC in conjunction with point 18.3 of Section II of Part A of Annex IV to that Directive, provides for special requirements concerning the movement of plants of stolon or tuber-forming species of *Solanum* L., or their hybrids, intended for planting, other than those tubers of *Solanum tuberosum* L. specified in points 18.1., 18.1.1. or 18.2. of Section II of Part A of Annex IV to that Directive, and other than culture maintenance material being stored in gene banks or genetic stock collections.
- (2) Certain Member States have requested for more specific requirements for the movement of seeds of *Solanum tuberosum* L., commonly also referred to as ‘true potato seeds’, originating in the Union (hereafter ‘the specified seeds’). Those requirements should ensure phytosanitary protection of the Union territory from harmful organisms potentially hosted by the specified seeds.
- (3) Seeds which are plants of stolon, or tuber-forming species of *Solanum* L., or their hybrids, intended for planting, being stored in gene banks or genetic stock collections, should not be considered as specified seeds, because they are intended for research and conservation purposes.
- (4) As *Synchytrium endobioticum* (Schilbersky) Percival, *Clavibacter michiganensis* ssp. *sepedonicus* (Spieckermann and Kotthoff) Davis *et al.*, *Ralstonia solanacearum* (Smith) Yabuuchi *et al.* and Potato spindle tuber viroid present the major phytosanitary risk for the specified seeds, and taking into account the pest risk analysis of the Netherlands Food and Consumer Product Safety Authority of 2015⁽²⁾, it is appropriate to provide that either the specified seeds should originate in areas known to be free from those organisms, or the specified seeds and their production sites should be subject to specific requirements.

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- (5) The measures provided for in this Directive are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE:

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- (1) [OJ L 169, 10.7.2000, p. 1.](#)
- (2) PRA EU internal movement of True Potato Seeds of official varieties, NVWA, June 2015.