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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2016/2031 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 October 2016 on protective measures against pests of plants, amending Regulations (EU) No 228/2013, (EU) No 652/2014 and (EU) No 1143/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council and repealing Council Directives 69/464/EEC, 74/647/EEC, 93/85/EEC, 98/57/EC, 2000/29/EC, 2006/91/EC and 2007/33/EC<sup>(1)</sup>, and in particular Article 83(7) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Article 83(7) of Regulation (EU) 2016/2031 empowers the Commission to adopt the format specifications of plant passports for movement within the Union territory and of plant passports for introduction into, and movement within, a protected zone. In order to ensure easy visibility and clear legibility, it is important for plant passports to have standardised formats. This also ensures that plant passports are clearly distinguishable from any other information or label.
- (2) Due to the differences in size and characteristics of plants, plant products or other objects for which a plant passport is required, a certain degree of flexibility should be ensured as regards format specifications of plant passports. Therefore, within each category of plant passports set out in Parts A to D of the Annex, various alternative models should be available which allow for taking into account the said differences of plants, plant products or other objects for which a plant passport is required. Moreover, those models should not specifically provide for the size of the plant passports, the use of a border line, the proportion of the size of their elements, and the fonts used therein.
- (3) The elements of the plant passport should be arranged within a rectangular or square shape, and should be clearly separated from any other written or pictorial matter by a border line or otherwise. As experience has shown, this is important to enhance the visibility of plant passports and their distinctiveness from any other information or label.
- (4) For reasons of legal certainty, this Regulation should apply from the same date as Regulation (EU) 2016/2031.

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- (5) Many plants, plant products and other objects for which plant passports will be issued in accordance with Commission Directive 92/105/EEC<sup>(2)</sup> before the date of application of this Regulation will still be on the market or moved after that date. As no health concern requires the immediate change of the format specifications, plant passports issued before 14 December 2019 should remain valid until 14 December 2023.
- (6) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

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- (1) [OJ L 317, 23.11.2016, p. 4.](#)
- (2) Commission Directive 92/105/EEC of 3 December 1992 establishing a degree of standardization for plant passports to be used for the movement of certain plants, plant products or other objects within the Community, and establishing the detailed procedures related to the issuing of such plant passports and the conditions and detailed procedures for their replacement ([OJ L 4, 8.1.1993, p. 22](#)).

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