

COMMISSION DECISION

of 18 December 1998

on the carrying out of Community comparative trials and tests on propagating and planting material of fruit plants under Council Directive 92/34/EEC*(notified under document number C(1998) 4258)*

(1999/11/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,
Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 92/34/EEC of 28 April 1992 on the marketing of fruit plant propagating material and fruit plants intended for fruit production ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Decision 97/110/EC ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 20(2) thereof,

Whereas under this Directive comparative trials or, where appropriate, tests shall be carried out in the Member States on samples to check that propagating material or fruit plants of genera and species listed therein comply with the requirements and conditions of the said Directive;

Whereas to this end, it is essential, in particular in the early stages of the Directive's implementation, to ensure adequate representation of the samples participating in the trials and tests for the different origins of production in the entire Community, at least for certain selected crops;

Whereas it is therefore necessary to carry out Community comparative trials and tests in 1998/2000 on propagating and planting material of *Ribes* spp.;

Whereas it is necessary for all Member States to participate in the Community comparative trials and tests, in so far as propagating or planting material of *Ribes* spp. is usually propagated or marketed in their territories, in order to ensure that proper conclusions may be drawn therefrom;

Whereas these Community comparative trials and tests will be used to harmonise, in the first instance, the technical methods of examination of propagating and planting material of these species;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on Propagating Material and Plants of Fruit Genera and Species,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

1. Community comparative trials and tests shall be carried out during 1998/2000 on propagating and planting material of *Ribes* spp.
2. All Member States shall participate in the Community comparative trials and tests, in so far as propagating or planting material of *Ribes* spp. is usually propagated or marketed in their territories.

Article 2

The detailed arrangements for the carrying out of the Community comparative trials and tests and the assessment the results thereof shall be made within the Standing Committee on Propagating Material and Plants of Fruit Genera and Species.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 18 December 1998.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 157, 10. 6. 1992, p. 10.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 39, 8. 2. 1997, p. 22.