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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<sup>(1)</sup>, and in particular point 16.2 of Section I of Part A of Annex IV thereof,

## Whereas:

- (1) By Commission Decision 2006/473/EC of 5 July 2006 recognising certain third countries and certain areas of third countries as being free from *Xanthomonas campestris* (all strains pathogenic to Citrus), *Cercospora angolensis* Carv. et Mendes and *Guignardia citricarpa* Kiely (all strains pathogenic to Citrus)<sup>(2)</sup> New South Wales, South Australia and Victoria in Australia are recognised as being free from *Xanthomonas campestris* (all strains pathogenic to Citrus).
- (2) Australia has submitted detailed technical information, based on results of the disease management and eradication programmes and of multiannual official surveys, showing that an outbreak of *Xanthomonas campestris* in Queensland was successfully eradicated and that the Northern Territory and Western Australia were free from *Xanthomonas campestris*. The freedom from that harmful organism should therefore be recognised for all citrus-growing areas of continental Australia.
- (3) Decision 2006/473/EC should therefore be amended accordingly.
- (4) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on Plant Health,

## HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

In Article 1(2) of Decision 2006/473/EC, point (a) is replaced by the following:

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(a) Australia: New South Wales, the Northern Territory, Queensland, South Australia, Victoria and Western Australia;

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 1 March 2010.

For the Commission

John DALLI

Member of the Commission

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- **(1)** OJ L 169, 10.7.2000, p. 1.
- (2) OJ L 187, 8.7.2006, p. 35.