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THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 91/414/EEC of 15 July 1991 concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market<sup>(1)</sup>, and in particular Article 6(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In accordance with Article 6(2) of Directive 91/414/EEC the Netherlands received on 28 February 2002 an application from Rohm and Haas France S.A. for the inclusion of the active substance 1-methylcyclopropene in Annex I to Directive 91/414/EEC. Commission Decision 2003/35/EC<sup>(2)</sup> confirmed that the dossier was 'complete' in the sense that it could be considered as satisfying, in principle, the data and information requirements of Annexes II and III to Directive 91/414/EEC.
- (2) For this active substance, the effects on human health and the environment have been assessed, in accordance with the provisions of Article 6(2) and (4) of Directive 91/414/EEC, for the uses proposed by the applicant. The designated rapporteur Member States submitted a draft assessment report concerning the substance to the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) on 22 March 2003.
- (3) The assessment report has been peer reviewed by the Member States and the EFSA within its Working Group Evaluation and presented to the Commission on 14 January 2005 in the format of the EFSA Scientific Report for 1-methylcyclopropene<sup>(3)</sup>. This report has been reviewed by the Member States and the Commission within the Standing Committee on the Food Chain and Animal Health and finalised on 23 September 2005 in the format of the Commission review report for 1-methylcyclopropene.
- (4) The review of 1-methylcyclopropene did not reveal any open questions or concerns, which would have required a consultation of the Scientific Committee on Plants or of the European Food Safety Authority which has taken over the role of that Committee.
- (5) It has appeared from the various examinations made that plant protection products containing the active substance concerned may be expected to satisfy, in general, the requirements laid down in Article 5(1)(a) and (b) and Article 5(3) of Directive 91/414/EEC, in particular with regard to the uses which were examined and detailed in the

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Commission review report. It is therefore appropriate to include 1-methylcyclopropene in Annex I to that Directive, in order to ensure that in all Member States the authorisations of plant protection products containing this active substance may be granted in accordance with the provisions of that Directive.

- (6) Without prejudice to the obligations defined by Directive 91/414/EEC as a consequence of including an active substance in Annex I, Member States should be allowed a period of six months after inclusion to review existing provisional authorisations of plant protection products containing 1-methylcyclopropene to ensure that the requirements laid down by Directive 91/414/EEC, in particular in its Article 13 and the relevant conditions set out in Annex I, are satisfied. Member States should transform existing provisional authorisations into full authorisations, amend them or withdraw them in accordance with the provisions of Directive 91/414/EEC. By derogation from the above deadline, a longer period should be provided for the submission and assessment of the complete Annex III dossier of each plant protection product for each intended use in accordance with the uniform principles laid down in Directive 91/414/EEC.
- (7) It is therefore appropriate to amend Directive 91/414/EEC accordingly.
- (8) The measures provided for in this Directive are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on the Food Chain and Animal Health,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE:

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- (1) [OJ L 230, 19.8.1991, p. 1](#). Directive as last amended by Commission Directive 2006/6/EC ([OJ L 12, 18.1.2006, p. 21](#)).
- (2) [OJ L 11, 16.1.2003, p. 52](#).
- (3) *EFSA Scientific Report* (2005) 30, 1-46, Conclusion regarding the peer review of the pesticide risk assessment of the active substance 1-methylcyclopropene (finalised: 14 January 2005).