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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Commission of the European Communities. Health & Consumer Protection Directorate-General Directorate E – Food Safety, Plant Health, Animal Health and Welfare, International questions
3.	Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable): Host plants for <i>Erwinia amylovora</i> (Burr.) Winsl. <i>et al.</i> , the causal agent of fireblight.
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: Member States and countries exporting the relevant plants and plant products to the European Community
5.	Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: Draft Commission Directive amending Council Directive 2000/29/EC on protective measures against the introduction into the Community of organisms harmful to plants or plant products and against their spread within the Community (SANCO/316/02-Rev5, 10 pages).
6.	Description of content: The current provisions against the introduction into and the spread within the Community of <i>Erwinia amylovora</i> (Burr.) Winsl. <i>et al.</i> , in particular as regards the areas in the community recognised as "protected zones" in respect of this harmful organism, are amended. These amended provisions are of interest for Member States and countries exporting the relevant host plants to the European Community.
7.	Objective and rationale: <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests
8.	International standard, guideline or recommendation: <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission, <input type="checkbox"/> Office International des Epizooties, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention, <input type="checkbox"/> None If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations: This regulatory amendment is consistent with the standards, guidelines and recommendations of the International Plant Protection Convention of the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations.

9. Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: European Commission Document (SANCO/316/02-Rev5) (available in English, French and Spanish).
10. Proposed date of adoption: October 2003
11. Proposed date of entry into force: 1 April 2004
12. Final date for comments: 15 July 2003 Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EC enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:
13. Texts available from: <input type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EC enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body: