Vine: marketing of material for the vegetative propagation (amend. Directive 68/193/EEC and repeal. Directive 74/649/EEC)

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PURPOSE: To remove all barriers to trade likely to prevent the free movement of vine propagating material in the European Community. COMMUNITY MEASURE: Council Directive 2002/11/EC amending Directive 68/193/EEC on the marketing of material for the vegetative propagation of the vine and repealing Directive 74/649/EEC. CONTENT: In a move to eliminate past practices of unilateral exemptions from the rules relating to the marketing of vine propagation this Directive removes all barriers to trade, sets new definitions and re-examines the notions of risk-assessment relating to genetic modifications and cloning. It also sets out, under certain conditions, new production methods for market propagation. Where vine variety propagating material is composed of genetically modified organisms, a specific environmental risk assessment should be carried out in line with Directive 2001/18/EC on the deliberate release into the environment of genetically modified organisms. Member States will be able to require a document accompanying each lot to ensure that the movement of vine-propagating material is adequately monitored. Further, appropriate bio-diversity conservation measures will guarantee the conservation of existing varieties. Also taken into account will be the concepts of genotype and clone. Council Directive 74/649/EEC on the marketing of material for vegetative propagation of the vine produced in third countries will be repealed in line with the introduction of this Directive. Amendments to Directive 68/193/EEC include new definitions for: - Vines; Variety; Clone; Propagating material; Young vine plants; Parts of young vine plants: Stock nurseries; Cutting nurseries; Initial propagating material; Basic propagating material; Certified material; Standard material; Official measures and Marketing. The amendments go on to specify when a vine propagating material may or may not be placed on the market. Similarly, the Directive provides for the establishment of a catalogue which lists all the vine varieties officially accepted for certification - including the variety of clones. Clones accepted for certification in one Member State must be accepted by other EU Member States. ENTRY INTO FORCE: 23/02/02.