Forests: protection against fire, extension to 2002 (amend. Regulation (EEC) No 2158/92)

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PURPOSE : to the extend Community Regulation on the protection of the Community's forests against fire by one year. COMMUNITY MEASURE : Regulation 805/2002/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation 2158/92/EEC on protection of the Community's forests against fire. CONTENT : the Community Regulation 2158/92/EEC on the protection of forests against fire expired on 31 December 2001. Under the terms of the Regulation the Commission is expected to draw up drafts for a new Regulation. The Commission is currently working on revisions to the existing Regulation but preparations for the revision are not yet complete. The Commission is therefore seeking transitional measure to extend the Regulation for a further year thus enabling the scheme to continue until 2002 by which time the draft Regulation should be completed. This Regulation shall extend the existing Regulation by one year. The scheme shall run for 11 years from 11 January 1992. The financial allocation shall be EUR 59,9 million for the period 1997 to 2002. Annual appropriations shall be authorised by the budgetary authority within the limits of the financial perspective. Before 30 June 2002, the Commission shall submit to the European Parliament and to the Council a report on the application of this Regulation and a proposal for a revision covering in particular the ecological, economic and social aspects (qualitative assessment) and the results of a cost-benefit analysis (quantitative assessment). ENTRY INTO FORCE : 17 May 2002.