Control of Pseudomonas solanacearum (Smith) Smith

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In adopting the report by Mrs Encarnacion REDONDO-JIMENEZ (EPP, E) Parliament approved the proposal for a directive subject to certain reservations. In particular it called for tomatoes to be excluded as an agent for transmission of the disease as, although tomatoes could be contaminated by the bacteria they could not transmit it. It called for the plant health standing committee to be informed of cases of contamination and for the controls to be applied not only to plant material but also to the movement of seed potato lots. Parliament hoped that the Member States could adopt more stringent measures with regard to their national production. Lastly it called for the directive to take effect by 1 March 1998 at the latest.