Forest reproductive material: marketing (recasting Directives 66/404/EEC, 71/161/EEC)

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PURPOSE: to update the legislation concerning the marketing of forest reproductive material. COMMUNITY MEASURE: Council Directive 1999/105/EC. CONTENT: the Directive aims to update the legislation, which has not been substantially amended since 1975, to take account of new Member States, the internal market and scientific advances. In addition, it aims to take account of the particular situation prevailing in Sweden and Finland, both of which were granted transitional periods of 5 years in the Accession Treaty. With regard to the forest reproductive material consisting of genetically modified organisms, the Directive provides that while waiting for a proposal replacing Council Directive 90/220 /EEC relating to the voluntary release of GMOs in the environment and of the adoption of equivalent specific rules, Directive 90/220/EEC shall be applied, in addition to the marketing rules.