Plant protection: accession of the Community to the 1951 Convention IPPC revised in 1997 on the FAO Conference

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PURPOSE : to approve the accession of the EC to the International Plant Protection Convention, as revised by Resolution 12/97 of the FAO Conference in November 1997.

LEGISLATIVE ACT : Council Decision 2004/597/EC approving the accession of the European Community to the International Plant Protection Convention, as revised and approved by Resolution 12/97 of the 29th Session of the FAO Conference in November 1997.

CONTENT : This Decision provides that the European Community will submit a request for accession to the International Plant Protection Convention with regard to matters within its competence. The revised text of the IPPC Convention as approved by Resolution 12/97 of the 29th Session of the FAO Conference in November 1997 is set out in Annex I to the Decision.

One of the primary objectives of the IPPC Convention is to secure "common and effective action to prevent the spread and introduction of pests of plants and plant products, and to provide appropriate measures for their control". The subject matter of the IPPC Convention falls within the scope of existing Community regulations in this field.