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THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 2200/96 of 28 October 1996 on the common organisation of the market in fruit and vegetables⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 545/2002⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 10 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Regulation (EC) No 1148/2001 of 12 June 2001 on checks on conformity to the marketing standards applicable to fresh fruit and vegetables⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2379/2001⁽⁴⁾, lays down that the Commission may approve checking operations performed by certain third countries which so request prior to import into the Community, in compliance with the conditions laid down in Article 7 of Regulation (EC) No 1148/2001.
- (2) On 11 October 2001 the Czech authorities sent the Commission a request for the approval of checking operations performed by the ČZPI (Czech Agricultural and Food Inspectorate) under the responsibility of the Ministry of Agriculture. This states that the ČZPI has the necessary staff, equipment and facilities to carry out checks, that it uses methods equivalent to those referred to in Article 9 of Regulation (EC) No 1148/2001 and that the fresh fruit and vegetables checked by the ČZPI and then exported from the Czech Republic to the Community meet the Community marketing standards.
- (3) The information sent by the Member States to the Commission shows that, in the period 1997 to 2000, the incidence of non-conformity with marketing standards among imports of fresh fruit and vegetables from the Czech Republic was very low.
- (4) For a number of years representatives of the Czech inspection body have been regular participants at various seminars and training activities organised by different Member States. They have also regularly participated in international efforts to agree marketing standards for fruit and vegetables, such as the Working Party on Standardisation of Perishable Produce and Quality Development of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), and, until recently, the OECD Scheme for the Application of International Standards for Fruit and Vegetables.
- (5) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Fresh Fruit and Vegetables,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Checks on conformity with marketing standards carried out by the Czech Republic on fresh fruit and vegetables from the Czech Republic are hereby approved in accordance with Article 7(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1148/2001.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 297, 21.11.1996, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 84, 28.3.2002, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 156, 13.6.2001, p. 9.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 321, 6.12.2001, p. 15.