

COMMISSION DECISION

of 23 December 2003

on the continuation in the year 2004 of Community comparative trials and tests on propagating material of ornamental plants of *Chamaecyparis*, *Ligustrum vulgare* and *Euphorbia fulgens* under Council Directive 98/56/EC started in 2002

(2004/59/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 98/56/EC of 20 July 1998 on the marketing of propagating material of ornamental plants ⁽¹⁾,Having regard to Commission Decision 2001/898/EC of 12 December 2001 setting out the arrangements for Community comparative trials and tests on propagating material of ornamental plants under Council directive 98/56/EC ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 2 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Decision 2001/898/EC sets out the arrangements for the comparative trials and tests to be carried out under Directive 98/56/EC as regards ornamental plants of *Chamaecyparis*, *Ligustrum vulgare* and *Euphorbia fulgens* from 2002 to 2004.

- (2) Tests and trials carried out in 2002 and 2003 should be continued in 2004,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Sole Article

Community comparative trials and tests which began in 2002 on propagating material of ornamental plants of *Chamaecyparis*, *Ligustrum vulgare* and *Euphorbia fulgens* shall be continued in 2004 in accordance with Decision 2001/898/EC.

Done at Brussels, 23 December 2003.

For the Commission

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⁽¹⁾ OJ L 226, 13.8.1998, p. 16. Directive as last amended by Directive 2003/61/EC (OJ L 165, 3.7.2003, p. 23).

⁽²⁾ OJ L 331, 15.12.2001, p. 101.