

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION (EU) 2018/490**of 21 March 2018****repealing Decision 2007/365/EC on emergency measures to prevent the introduction into and the spread within the Community of *Rhynchophorus ferrugineus* (Olivier)***(notified under document C(2018) 1607)*

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Council Directive 2000/29/EC of 8 May 2000 on protective measures against the introduction into the Community of organisms harmful to plants or plant products and against their spread within the Community ⁽¹⁾, and in particular the fourth sentence of Article 16(3) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Despite the measures set out by the Commission Decision 2007/365/EC ⁽²⁾ to prevent the introduction into and spread within the Union of *Rhynchophorus ferrugineus* (Olivier), it appears from the annual surveys carried out by the Member States pursuant to that Decision that the organism is now widespread throughout most parts of the endangered area.
- (2) As a result, it is not feasible to prevent its further introduction into and spread within most of the Union territory.
- (3) Decision 2007/365/EC should therefore be repealed.
- (4) This Decision should apply from the same date as Commission Implementing Directive (EU) 2018/484 ⁽³⁾ to ensure consistency with the provisions of that Directive.
- (5) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Decision 2007/365/EC is repealed.

Article 2

This Decision shall apply from 1 October 2018.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 21 March 2018.

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 169, 10.7.2000, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ Commission Decision 2007/365/EC of 25 May 2007 on emergency measures to prevent the introduction into and the spread within the Community of *Rhynchophorus ferrugineus* (Olivier) (OJ L 139, 31.5.2007, p. 24).

⁽³⁾ Commission Implementing Directive (EU) 2018/484 of 21 March 2018 amending Directive 93/49/EEC as regards requirements to be fulfilled by the propagating material of certain genera or species of *Palmae* in respect of *Rhynchophorus ferrugineus* (Olivier) (see p. 10 of this Official Journal).