# COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 766/97

## of 28 April 1997

## amending Regulation (EEC) No 2251/92 on quality inspection of fresh fruit and vegetables

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2200/96 of 28 October 1996 on the common organization of the market in fruit and vegetables [1], and in particular Articles 7 and 10 thereof,

Whereas Article 11 of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2251/92 [2], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 3148/94 [3], lays down that, in the case of imports from third countries, cases of non-compliance with Community quality standards must be notified to the Commission; whereas, at the moment, such notifications are sent to the Commission by telefax; whereas this means of transmission no longer meets the requirements of the system monitoring commercial quality; the IDES system should therefore be used as the sole means of notification to ensure a rapid transmission of documents and to allow for a statistical evaluation of the data notified;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Fruit and Vegetables,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

*Article 1*

The following sub-paragraph is added to Article 11 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 2251/92:

'Notification to the Commission shall be done by the interactive data entry system known as "IDES".'

*Article 2*

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities.*

It shall apply from 1 September 1997.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 28 April 1997.

*For the Commission*

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[1] OJ No L 297, 21. 11. 1996, p. 1.
[2] OJ No L 219, 4. 8. 1992, p. 9.
[3] OJ No L 332, 22. 12. 1994, p. 28.