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# Preface

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It gives me great pleasure to be able to introduce this guide to the application of Council Regulation (EEC) No 3528/86 on the protection of the Community's forests against atmospheric pollution. It is the product of close and fruitful cooperation between institutions and specialists in Italy, Portugal and Spain, promoted and coordinated by the Directorate-General for Agriculture of the Commission of the European Communities.

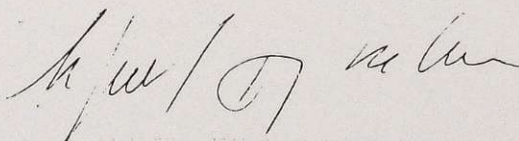
For the application of this Council Regulation and to ensure the use of common rules, Commission Regulations EEC Nos 1696/87 and 2995/89 lay down detailed rules for the establishment of the inventory of damage caused to forests and for drawing up the annual reports on forest health.

To guarantee the objectivity and compatibility of data gathered for the assessment of the health of Mediterranean forests, for which Community-wide harmonization of the assessment criteria is required, the Commission of the European Communities has promoted and financed the production of this guide in English, Spanish, Italian, French, Greek and Portuguese.

I am very proud of the active role played by the Subdirector-General for Plant Health, working under this Directorate-General, in the drafting and production of this publication.

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