COMMISSION DECISION

of 4 May 1973

authorizing the Italian Republic to allow the marketing of 'certified seed, 2nd generation' of the variety of rice 'Rosa Marchetti', subject to reduced requirements, until 30 June 1973 inclusive

(Only the Italian text is authentic)

(73/141/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community;

Having regard to the Council Directive of 14 June 1966 (1) concerning the marketing of cereal seed, as last amended by the Council Directive of 6 December 1972 (2), and in particular Article 17 thereof;

Having regard to the request from the Italian Republic;

Whereas the supplies of seed in the Italian Republic of the variety of rice 'Rosa Marchetti' which conforms to the conditions for analytical purity prescribed for certification are insufficient to meet the needs for the 1973 sowing season;

Whereas it is impossible to supply these needs satisfactorily from seed in other Member States;

Whereas it is consequently appropriate to authorize the Italian Republic to allow the marketing of 'certified seed, 2nd generation' of the variety of rice 'Rosa Marchetti', subject to reduced requirements for analytical purity, until 30 June 1973 inclusive;

Whereas the measures provided in for this Decision are in accordance with the Opinion of the Management Committee for Agricultural, Horticultural and Forestry Seeds and Plants;

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The Italian Republic is authorized to allow the marketing in its territory, until 30 June 1973 inclusive, of a maximum of 1 000 tons of 'certified seed, 2nd generation' of rice (*Oryza sativa* L.) of the variety 'Rosa Marchetti' which does not conform to the conditions prescribed in Annex II of the Council Directive of 14 June 1966 for the maximum number of red grains, under the following conditions:

(a) the number of red grains shall not exceed 10 in a sample of 500 grammes;

(b) the official label shall show that the analytical purity is reduced:
'maximum number of red grains: 10 per 500 grammes.'

Article 2

The Italian Republic will report to the Commission before 1 October 1973 the quantity of seed subject to reduced requirements which has been allowed to be marketed in its territory in accordance with this Decision. The Commission will inform other Member States of this.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Italian Republic.

Done at Brussels, 4 May 1973.

For the Commission

The President

François-Xavier ORTOLI

(1) OJ No 125, 11. 7. 1966, p. 2309/66.
(2) OJ No L 287, 26. 12. 1972, p. 22.