COMMISSION DECISION

of 22 October 1973

derogating from the safeguard measures applicable to exports of durum wheat adopted by the Commission Decision of 4 August 1973

(Only the Italian text is authentic)

(73/338/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community;

Having regard to Council Regulation No 120/67/EEC [1] of 13 June 1967 on the common organization of the market in cereals, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1346/73 [2], and in particular Article 20 (2) thereof;

Whereas Commission Decision No 73/236/EEC [3] of 4 August 1973 adopting safeguard measures applicable to durum wheat exported outside the Community provides for the total suspension of the issue of licences;

Whereas by letter of 8 October 1973, the Italian Government informed the Commission that application of these safeguard measures was preventing the export to Chad of a consignment of 100 metric tons of durum wheat for use as seed;

Whereas the shortage of seed is making it very difficult for the Chad Government to overcome the consequences of the recent drought by increasing wheat production;

Whereas on humanitarian grounds and in view of present circumstances the relevant consignment should, exceptionally, be allowed to be exported; whereas, therefore, in derogation from the safeguard measures aforesaid, the Italian Republic should be authorized to issue a licence for the export to Chad of 100 metric tons of durum wheat for use as seed,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

In derogation from the safeguard measure adopted by Commission Decision No 73/236/EEC of 4 August 1973, the Italian Republic is authorized to issue a licence for the export to Chad of 100 metric tons of durum wheat for use as seed.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Italian Republic.

Done at Brussels, 22 October 1973.

For the Commission

The President

François-Xavier ORTOLI

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[1] OJ No 117, 19. 6. 1967, p. 2269/67.
[2] OJ No L 141, 28. 5. 1973, p. 8.
[3] OJ No L 219, 7. 8. 1973, p. 25.