COUNCIL DECISION

of 26 March 1973

on the equivalence of seed potatoes produced in Denmark

(73/85/EEC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community;

Having regard to the Council Directive of 14 June 1966 [1] on the marketing of seed potatoes, as last amended by the Directive of 6 December 1972 [2], and in particular Article 15 (1) and (3) thereof;

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission;

Whereas there are rules in Denmark on varietal and quality controls for seed potatoes; whereas Denmark is authorized to apply those rules until required to implement the laws, regulations and administrative provisions necessary to comply with the Council Directive of 14 June 1966 on the marketing of seed potatoes;

Whereas these rules and the manner in which they are applied have been examined and this examination has established that the conditions governing seed potatoes harvested and controlled in Denmark as regards their characteristics, examination, identity marking and control, afford the same assurances as the conditions applicable within the Community to seed potatoes harvested and controlled in the other Member States;

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

It is hereby declared that, where the special conditions laid down in the Annex are satisfied, seed potatoes harvested in Denmark and officially controlled by the authority listed in the Annex and belonging to the categories specified therein are equivalent to seed potatoes of corresponding categories harvested within the other Member States and complying with the Council Directive of 14 June 1966 on the marketing of seed potatoes.

Article 2

This Decision shall apply from 1 January 1973 until the date on which Denmark is to bring into force the laws, regulations and administrative provisions necessary for compliance with the Directive referred to in Article 1.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 26 March 1973.

For the Council
The President
A. LAVENS

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(1) OJ No 125, 11. 7. 1966 p. 2320/66.
(2) OJ No L 287, 26. 12. 1972, p. 22.

ANNEX

Member State	Authority	Categories		Special Conditions
		in the Member State	Community rules	
1	2	3	4	5
Denmark	Styatens Plantetilsyn	E-kartofler	basic seed potatoes	1, 2, 3, 4
		A-kartofler B-kartofler	certified seed potatoes	

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. Seed potatoes shall be officially certified and their containers officially sealed and marked in accordance with national provisions. Seed potatoes shall meet the requirements of Community rules and conform to the European standard for seed potatoes recommended by the Working Party on Standardization of Perishable Foodstuffs of the Economic Commission for Europe.

2. Field inspection shall be carried out by State authorities or by any legal person whether governed by public or private law, acting under the responsibility of such authorities, provided that such persons derive no private gain from the result of the inspection.

3. Any chemical treatment of the seed potatoes shall be noted either on the official label or on a special label and on the container or inside it.

4. The colour of the label shall be:

   — white for basic seed potatoes;

   — blue for certified seed potatoes.

   All information shall be given in at least one of the official languages of the European Communities.