COMMISSION DECISION

of 22 April 1974

authorizing the Italian Republic to permit the marketing of 'certified seed of the second generation' of the varieties of rice 'Romeo', 'Rosa Marchetti' and 'Vialone nano', satisfying less stringent requirements, for a period which expires on 30 June 1974

(Only the Italian text is authentic)

(74/242/EEC)

THE COMMISSION 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 cereal seed, as last amended by the Council Directive of 11 December 1973 [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 varieties 'Romeo', 'Rosa Marchetti' and 'Vialone nano' which satisfy the conditions for analytical purity prescribed for certification are insufficient to meet the needs for the 1974 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 permit the marketing of 'certified seed of the second generation' of the varieties of rice 'Romeo', 'Rosa Marchetti' and 'Vialone nano' satisfying less stringent requirements for analytical purity for a period which expires on 30 June 1974;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the Opinion of the Standing Committee on Seeds and Propagating Material for Agriculture, Horticulture and Forestry,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The Italian Republic is authorized to permit the marketing in its territory, for a period which expires on 30 June 1974, of rice seed (*Oryza sativa* L.) of the category 'certified seed of the second generation' of the varieties 'Romeo', 'Rosa Marchetti' and 'Vialone nano' which do not satisfy the conditions prescribed in Annex II to the Council Directive of 14 June 1966 with regard to the maximum number of red grains, under the following conditions:

(a) the quantities shall not exceed:

- 500 metric tons for the variety 'Romeo';
- 400 metric tons for the variety 'Rosa Marchetti';
- 300 metric tons for the variety 'Vialone nano';

(b) the number of red grains per 500 g shall not exceed:

- 15 for the variety 'Romeo';
- 20 for the varieties 'Rosa Marchetti' and 'Vialone nano';

(c) the official label shall state that the analytical purity is reduced:

- for the variety 'Romeo'; 'maximum number of red grains: 15 per 500 g';
- for the varieties 'Rosa Marchetti' and 'Vialone nano'; 'maximum number of red grains: 20 per 500 g'.

Article 2

The Italian Republic will report to the Commission before 1 October 1974 the quantity of seed satisfying less stringent requirements which has been permitted to be marketed in its territory pursuant to this Decision.

The Commission shall inform other Member States thereof.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Italian Republic.

Done at Brussels, 22 April 1974.

For the Commission

The President

François-Xavier ORTOLI

[1] OJ No 125, 11. 7. 1966, p. 2309/66.
[2] OJ No L 356, 27. 12. 1973, p. 79.