COMMISSION DECISION

of 2 May 1974

authorizing the French Republic to permit, for a period which expires on 31 May 1974, the marketing of certified spring barley seed satisfying less stringent requirements

(Only the French text is authentic)

(74/266/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 made by the French Republic;

Whereas the production in the French Republic of certified spring barley seed of the 1973 harvest, satisfying the requirements with regard to minimum germination, is insufficient to meet demand due to unfavourable weather conditions during harvesting;

Whereas needs cannot be adequately met by certified spring barley seed satisfying all the requirements for certification, coming from other Member States;

Whereas the French Republic should therefore be authorized to permit, for a period which expires on 31 May 1974, the marketing of certified spring barley seed satisfying less stringent requirements;

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 French Republic is authorized to permit the marketing in its territory, for a period which expires on 31 May 1974:

1. of a maximum of 3 000 metric tons of spring barley seed of the categories 'certified seed of the first generation' and 'certified seed of the second generation', of the varieties Oriol, Ortolan, Hornisse and Belfor not included in the French catalogue of cultivated plant species and varieties;
2. of a maximum of 16 000 metric tons of spring barley seed of the categories 'certified seed of the first generation' and 'certified seed of the second generation' harvested in 1973 which does not satisfy the requirements set out in Annex II to the Council Diretive of 14 June 1966 with regard to minimum germination, provided the following requirements are satisfied:
   (a) germination must be at least 80 % of pure seed;
   (b) the official label must state that the germination of the seed is reduced: minimum germination 80 %.

Article 2

The French Republic shall report to the Commission before 1 July 1974 the quantity of certified spring barley seed permitted to be marketed in its territory pursuant to this Decision. The Commission shall inform the other Member States of this.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the French Republic.

Done at Brussels, 2 May 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.