COMMISSION DECISION

of 17 May 1974

authorizing the Federal Republic of Germany to permit, for a period which expires on 31 December 1974, the marketing of commercial bitter lupin seed satisfying less stringent requirements

(Only the German text is authentic)

(74/280/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 fodder plant 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 Federal Republic of Germany;

Whereas the production in the Federal Republic of Germany of bitter lupin seed, satisfying the conditions regarding minimum germination, is not sufficient;

Whereas needs cannot be adequately met by importing bitter lupin seed, satisfying all the conditions necessary for marketing, from other Member States;

Whereas the Federal Republic of Germany should therefore be authorized to permit, for a period which expires on 31 December 1974, the marketing of commercial bitter lupin 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 Federal Republic of Germany is authorized to permit the marketing in its territory, for a period which expires on 31 December 1974, of bitter lupin seed of the category 'commercial seed' which does not satisfy the conditions regarding minimum germination set out in Annex II to the Council Directive of 14 June 1966, provided the following requirements are satisfied:

(a) germination must be at least 70 % of pure seed;

(b) the official label must state that the germination properties of the seed are reduced: minimum germination — 70 %.

Article 2

The Federal Republic of Germany shall notify the Commission by 1 February 1975 of the quantity of commercial bitter lupin seed satisfying less stringent requirements, permitted to be marketed in its territory pursuant to this Decision. The Commission shall inform the other Member States.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Federal Republic of Germany.

Done at Brussels, 17 May 1974.

For the Commission

The President

François-Xavier ORTOLI

(1) OJ No 125, 11. 7. 1966, p. 2298/66.
(2) OJ No L 356, 27. 12. 1973, p. 79.