COMMISSION DECISION

of 13 June 1974

authorizing the United Kingdom to permit, for a period which expires on 30 June 1975, the marketing of certain species of vegetable seed, harvested before 1 July 1973 and not fully satisfying the prescribed conditions for germination

(Only the English text is authentic)

(74/359/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community;

Having regard to the Council Directive of 29 September 1970 (1) on the marketing of vegetable seed, as last amended by the Council Directive of 11 December 1973 (2), and in particular Article 33a thereof;

Having regard to the request from the United Kingdom;

Whereas the United Kingdom has still some stocks of onion, leek, celery, red beet or beetroot, cauliflower, sprouting broccoli or calabrese, brussels sprouts, savoy cabbage, cabbage, red cabbage, carrot, runner bean and spinach seed which has been harvested there before 1 July 1973 and does not fully satisfy the conditions for germination laid down in the abovementioned Directive;

Whereas the United Kingdom was obliged to apply the abovementioned Directive only from the 1 July 1973 and hence the seed in question had been produced under the conditions of the former national regulations;

Whereas it is appropriate, therefore, to authorize the United Kingdom to permit the marketing of these seeds, for a period which expires on 30 June 1975, provided they satisfy the requirements for germination laid down in the abovementioned national regulations;

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,

(1) OJ No L 225, 12. 10. 1970, p. 7.
(2) OJ No L 356, 27. 12. 1973, p. 79.

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The United Kingdom is authorized to permit the marketing in its territory, for a period which expires on the 30 June 1975, of the following species of vegetable seed which have been harvested before 1 July 1973 and do not fully satisfy the conditions laid down in Annex II of the Council Directive of 29 September 1970 as to minimum germination, under the following conditions:

(a) Germination shall be at least:

— Allium cepa L.	65 % of pure seed;
— Allium porrum L.	55 % of pure seed;
— Apium graveolens L.	60 % of pure seed;
— Beta vulgaris L. var. esculenta L.	60 % of pure seed;
— Brassica oleracea L. convar. botrytis (L.) Alef. var botrytis	65 % of pure seed;
— Brassica oleracea L. convar. botrytis (L.) Alef. var. italica Plenck	65 % of pure seed;
— Brassica oleracea L. var. bullata subvar. gemmifera DC	70 % of pure seed;
— Brassica oleracea L. var. bullata DC. et var. sefanda L.	70 % of pure seed;
— Brassica oleracea L. var. capitata L.f. alba DC.	70 % of pure seed;

— Brassica oleracea L. var. capitata L.f. rubra (L.) Thell	70 % of pure seed;
— Daucus carota L. ssp. sativus (Hoffm.) Hayck	60 % of pure seed;
— Phaseolus coccineus L.	70 % of pure seed;
— Spinacea oleracea L.	70 % of pure seed;

(b) The label shall state that the germination is reduced and specify the minimum germination laid down under (a).

(c) The label shall bear the statement 'seed harvested before 1 July 1973'.

Article 2

The United Kingdom shall notify the Commission, before 31 December each year, of the quantity of vegetable seed which has been 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 United Kingdom.

Done at Brussels, 13 June 1974.

For the Commission
The President
François-Xavier ORTOLI