COMMISSION DECISION

of 3 February 1975

authorizing the Republic of Italy to permit the marketing of certified seed of the varieties of rice 'Romeo', 'Redi', 'Rosa Marchetti', 'Monticelli' and 'Italpatna' satisfying less stringent requirements, for a period which expires on 30 June 1975

(Only the Italian text is authentic)

(75/114/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 Republic of Italy;

Whereas the supplies of seed in the Republic of Italy of the varieties 'Romeo', 'Redi', 'Rosa Marchetti', 'Monticelli' and 'Italpatna' which satisfy the conditions for analytical purity prescribed for certification are insufficient to meet the needs for the 1975 sowing season;

Whereas it is impossible to supply these needs satisfactorily from certified seed in other Member States;

Whereas it is consequently appropriate to authorize the Republic of Italy to permit the marketing of 'certified seed' of the varieties of rice 'Romeo', 'Redi', 'Rosa Marchetti', 'Monticelli' and 'Italpatna' satisfying less stringent requirements for analytical purity, for a period which expires on 30 June 1975.

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 Republic of Italy is authorized to permit the marketing in its territory, for a period which expires on 30 June 1975, of rice seed (Oryza sativa L.) of the categories 'certified seed of the first and the second generation' of the varieties 'Romeo', 'Redi', 'Rosa Marchetti', 'Monticelli' and 'Italpatna' 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:
- 650 metric tons for the variety 'Romeo',
- 450 metric tons for the variety 'Redi',
- 230 metric tons for the variety 'Rosa Marchetti',
- 230 metric tons for the variety 'Monticelli',
- 50 metric tons for the variety 'Italpatna';

(b) the number of red grains per 500 g shall not exceed:
- 10 for 'certified seed of the first generation',
- 20 for 'certified seed of the second generation';

(c) the official label shall state that the analytical purity is reduced:
- for the 'certified seed of the first generation': 'maximum number of red grains: 10 per 500 g',
- for the 'certified seed of the second generation': 'maximum number of red grains: 20 per 500 g'.

Article 2

The Republic of Italy will report to the Commission before 1 October 1975 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 Republic of Italy.

Done at Brussels, 3 February 1975.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

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