COMMISSION DECISION

of 7 February 1975

authorizing the Kingdom of Belgium until 30 April 1975 to approve for marketing certified seed of spring wheat of varieties not included in the 'Common catalogue of varieties of agricultural plant species' or in the Belgian catalogue of varieties

(Only the French and Dutch texts are authentic)

(75/126/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 submitted by the Kingdom of Belgium ;

Whereas due to unfavourable weather conditions during the autumn of 1974 it was not possible to sow sufficient winter wheat in Belgium ; whereas this country is therefore obliged to replace part of its winter wheat crop by spring wheat, and as a result the demand for spring wheat seed has increased substantially ; whereas production in Belgium of certified spring wheat seed is insufficient to meet the increased demand ;

Whereas it has not been possible to cover this demand entirely by certified seed of spring wheat from other Member States of varieties intended for inclusion in the 'Common catalogue of agricultural plant species' — and hence permitted since 31 December 1974 to circulate freely within the territory of the Community as originally constituted — or included in the Belgian catalogue of varieties ;

Whereas it therefore seems expedient as a first step to authorize the Kingdom of Belgium for a period to expire on 30 April 1975 to approve for marketing certified seed of spring wheat which does not belong to those varieties ; whereas the Commission is currently examining to what extent it should also allow the marketing of commercial seed of spring wheat ;

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION :

Article 1

The Kingdom of Belgium is hereby authorized for a period to expire on 30 April 1975, to approve for marketing on its territory spring wheat seed belonging to the categories 'certified seed of the first generation' and 'certified seed of the second generation' of varieties which are neither intended for inclusion in the first 'Common catalogue of agricultural plant species' not included in the Belgian catalogue of varieties, in so far as such varieties are approved in another Member State.

Article 2

The Kingdom of Belgium shall before 1 November 1975 communicate to the Commission particulars of the quantity of certified seed of spring wheat approved for marketing in its territory pursuant to this Decision. The Commission shall forward this information to the other Member States.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Kingdom of Belgium.

Done at Brussels, 7 February 1975.

For the Commission

P. J. LARDINOIS

Member of the Commission

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