# COMMISSION DECISION

**of 19 March 1975**

**authorizing the French Republic to permit the marketing of seed of monoecious hemp and sunflower, for a period which expires on 31 July 1975, not complying with the requirements set out in the Council Directive on the marketing of seed of oil and fibre plants**

**(Only the French text is authentic)**

(75/217/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community ;

Having regard to the Council Directive of 30 June 1969 ([1]) on the marketing of seed of oil and fibre plants, as last amended by the Council Directive of 11 December 1973 ([2]), and in particular Article 16 thereof ;

Having regard to the request made by the French Republic ;

Whereas owing to unfavourable weather conditions during the autumn of 1974 it was not possible to sow the planned acreage with different plant species ; whereas therefore the Republic of France will be forced to substitute part of the winter forms of plant species by spring forms ; whereas therefore the demand for the certified seed of the spring forms will increase substantially ; whereas therefore the production of certified seed of monoecious hemp and sunflower in the French Republic is insufficient to meet the increased demand ;

Whereas it is not possible to cover this demand by certified seed of monoecious hemp and sunflower from other Member States ;

Whereas it is consequently appropriate to authorize the French Republic to permit the marketing of 'commercial seed' of varieties of monoecious hemp and sunflower for a period which expires on 31 July 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 French Republic is authorized to permit the marketing in its territory, for a period which expires on 31 July 1975, of

(a) 150 metric tons of 'commercial seed' of monoecious hemp (*Cannabis sativa)* L.), and

(b) 90 metric tons of 'commercial seed' of sunflower (*Helianthus annuus* L.).

*Article 2*

The French Republic will report to the Commission before 1 November 1975 the quantity of 'commercial seed' which has been permitted to be marketed in its territory pursuant to this Decision. The Commission shall inform the other Member States thereof.

*Article 3*

This Decision is addressed to the French Republic.

Done at Brussels, 19 March 1975.

*For the Commission*

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*Member of the Commission*

([1]) OJ No L 169, 10. 7. 1969, p. 3.
([2]) OJ No L 356, 27. 12. 1973, p. 79.