COMMISSION DECISION

of 18 April 1975

authorizing the Republic of Italy to permit for a period expiring on 31 July 1975 the marketing of seed of sunflower not complying with the requirements in the Council Directive on the marketing of seed of oil and fibre plants

(Only the Italian text is authentic)

(75/286/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 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 submitted by the Republic of Italy;

Whereas, owing to unfavourable weather conditions during the autumn of 1974, it was not possible in the Republic of Italy to sow the planned acreage of different plant species; whereas that country will as a result be forced to replace part of the winter forms of plant species by spring forms; whereas the demand for certified seed of the spring forms will in consequence increase substantially; whereas production of certified seed of sunflower in the Republic of Italy is insufficient to meet the increased demand;

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

Whereas it is consequently appropriate to authorize the Republic of Italy to permit for a period expiring on 31 July 1975 the marketing of 'commercial seed' of varieties of sunflower;

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 expiring on 31 July 1975, of 200 metric tons of 'commercial seed' of sunflower (*Helianthus annuus* L.). The prescribed label shall bear the words 'for marketing in Italy only'.

Article 2

The Republic of Italy 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 Republic of Italy.

Done at Brussels, 18 April 1975.

For the Commission

P. J. LARDINOIS

Member of the Commission

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