# COMMISSION DECISION

**of 17 February 1976**

**authorizing the Italian Republic temporarily to permit the marketing of seed of some varieties of rice subject to less stringent requirements**

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

(76/258/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 on the marketing of cereal seed (1), as last amended by the Council Directive of 26 June 1975 (2), and in particular Article 17 thereof,

Having regard to the request made by the Italian Republic,

Whereas the Italian Republic does not have sufficient supplies of rice seed of the varieties Arborio, Monticelli, Redi, Romeo and S. Andrea which satisfy the requirements for analytical purity prescribed for certification to meet the demand for the 1976 sowing season ;

Whereas this demand cannot satisfactorily be met from certified seed from other Member States ;

Whereas the Italian Republic should therefore be authorized, during the period expiring on 30 June 1976, to permit the marketing of certified rice seed of varieties of rice Arborio, Monticelli, Redi, Romeo and S. Andrea which satisfies less stringent requirements for analytical purity ;

Whereas the measures provided for 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 Italian Republic is authorized to permit the marketing in its territory, during the period expiring on 30 June 1976, of certified rice seed of the second generation of varieties Arborio, Monticelli, Redi, Romeo and S. Andrea which do not satisfy the requirements set out 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 :
- 400 metric tons for the variety 'Arborio',
- 180 metric tons for the variety 'Monticelli',
- 100 metric tons for the variety 'Redi',
- 150 metric tons for the variety 'Romeo',
- 200 metric tons for the variety 'S. Andrea' ;

(b) the number of red grains per 500 g shall not exceed 20 ;

(c) the official label shall bear the following endorsements :
- maximum number of red grains 20 per 500 g,
- intended exclusively for marketing in Italy.

*Article 2*

The Italian Republic shall report to the Commission, before 1 October 1976, the quantity of seed satisfying less stringent requirements 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 Italian Republic.

Done at Brussels, 17 February 1976.

*For the Commission*

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(1) OJ No 125, 11. 7. 1966, p. 2309/66.
(2) OJ No L 196, 26. 7. 1975, p. 6.