COMMISSION DECISION

of 1 April 1976

authorizing the French Republic to permit temporarily the marketing of sunflower seed subject to less stringent requirements

(Only the French text is authentic)

(76/379/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 69/208/EEC of 30 June 1969 on the marketing of oil and fibre plants [1], as last amended by Council Directive 75/444/EEC of 26 June 1975 [2], and in particular Article 16 thereof,

Having regard to the request made by the French Republic,

Whereas the production of sunflower seeds of the category 'certified seed', for production of seed for oil extraction, which satisfy completely the requirements of the above Directive is insufficient in 1975 and will not be enough to meet French demands; whereas in the case of the hybrid variety 'Relax', the germination capacity is not satisfactory; whereas this demand cannot be met by obtaining this sunflower seed from other Member States;

Whereas the French Republic should therefore be authorized to permit, during the period expiring on 31 July 1976, the marketing of seed of varieties of sunflower which satisfy less stringent requirements;

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

1. The French Republic is authorized to permit the marketing in its territory, during the period expiring on 31 July 1976 of the following sunflower seed (Helianthus annuus L.):

— 10 metric tons of certified seed of the variety 'Relax' which in respect of minimum germination capacity does not satisfy the conditions laid down in Annex II to Council Directive 69/208/EEC of 30 June 1969, provided that its germination capacity is not less than 75 % of that of the pure seeds;

— 30 metric tons of commercial seed.

2. The official label shall bear the endorsement: 'For marketing in France only'. For certified seed it shall also indicate that the germination capacity is reduced by bearing the endorsement: 'Minimum germination capacity: 75 %'.

Article 2

The French Republic shall report to the Commission before 1 November 1976 the quantity of seed 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, 1 April 1976.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

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[1] OJ No 169, 10. 7. 1969, p. 3.
[2] OJ No L 196, 26. 7. 1975, p. 6.