COUNCIL DECISION

of 17 May 1976

amending second Decision 75/370/EEC on the equivalence of seed potatoes produced in third countries

(76/540/EEC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 66/403/EEC of 14 June 1966 on the marketing of seed potatoes (1), as last amended by Directive 76/307/EEC (2), and in particular Article 15 (1) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas the Council has declared by its Second Decision 75/370/EEC (3), that seed potatoes produced and officially controlled in Austria, Poland and in Switzerland afford the same assurances as seed potatoes produced and controlled within the Community;

Whereas it has become apparent that certain technical and administrative provisions in the Annex to second Decision 75/370/EEC are often subject to changes;

Whereas for the purpose of simplifying the procedures which at present govern amendments to the said Annex, it is desirable that these changes should be referred to the procedure of the Standing Committee on Seeds and Propagating Material for Agriculture, Horticulture and Forestry,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The following Article shall be added to second Decision 75/370/EEC:

'*Article 1a*

Technical and administrative amendments to be made to the Annex, with the exception of those concerning column 2 of the table in the Annex, shall be adopted in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 19 of Directive 66/403/EEC.'

Article 2

This Decision shall apply until 30 June 1978.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 17 May 1976.

For the Council

The President

J. HAMILIUS

(1) OJ No 125, 11. 7. 1966, p. 2320/66.
(2) OJ No L 72, 18. 3. 1976, p. 16.
(3) OJ No L 164, 27. 6. 1975, p. 43.