COMMISSION DECISION

of 7 July 1976

authorizing the Italian Republic temporarily to permit the marketing of commercial seed of certain species of fodder plants satisfying less stringent requirements

(Only the Italian text is authentic)

(76/613/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Directive of 14 June 1966 on the marketing of fodder plant seed (1), as last amended by 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 production of seed of the species Hungarian Vetch and Hairy Vetch, satisfying the requirements regarding minimum germination, is insufficient in Italy;

Whereas the demand cannot adequately be met from commercial seed of these species from other Member States which satisfy all the conditions necessary for marketing;

Whereas the Italian Republic should therefore be authorized, during the period expiring on 31 March 1977, to permit the marketing of commercial seed of Hungarian Vetch and Hairy Vetch satisfying 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

The Italian Republic is authorized to permit the marketing in its territory, during the period expiring on 31 March 1977, of a maximum of 150 metric tons of Hungarian Vetch Seed *(Vicia pannonica Crantz)* and a maximum of 400 metric tons of Hairy Vetch seed *(Vicia Villosa Roth)* of the category 'commercial seed', which does not satisfy the conditions set out in Annex II to Council Directive of 14 June 1976 with regard to minimum germination provided that the following requirements are satisfied:

(a) germination shall be at least 80 % of pure seed;

(b) the official label shall indicate that the germination of the seed is reduced: minimum germination 80 %, and shall bear the endorsement 'intended exclusively for marketing in Italy'.

Article 2

The Italian Republic shall report to the Commission, before 1 May 1977, the quantity of commercial Hungarian Vetch and Hairy Vetch 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 Italian Republic.

Done at Brussels, 7 July 1976.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

(1) OJ No 125, 11. 7. 1966, p. 2298/66.
(2) OJ No L 196, 26. 7. 1975, p. 6.