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COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 17 August 1976

authorizing in particular the United Kingdom to permit temporarily the marketing of seed of red clover subject to less stringent requirements

(Only the English, French, German and Dutch texts are authentic)

(76/722/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 66/401/EEC of 14 June 1966 on the marketing of fodder plant seed (1), as last amended by Council Directive 75/444/EEC of 26 June 1975 (2), and in particular Article 17 thereof,

Having regard to the request made by the United Kingdom,

Whereas in the United Kingdom the production of seed of the category 'certified seed' of red clover has been insufficient in 1975 and therefore will not be adequate to supply United Kingdom requirements ;

Whereas it has not been possible to cover sufficiently this demand by 'certified seed' from other Member States or even from third countries, of varieties included in the 'Common catalogue of varieties of agricultural plant species' or included in the United Kingdom catalogues of varieties ;

Whereas the United Kingdom should therefore be authorized to permit, for a period expiring on 30 September 1976, the marketing of seed of red clover subject to less stringent requirements ;

Whereas in addition it is necessary to authorize those other Member States which are able to supply the United Kingdom with red clover seed subject to less stringent requirements to permit the marketing of such seed provided that it is intended exclusively for the United Kingdom ;

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 United Kingdom is authorized to permit for a period expiring on 30 September 1976 the marketing in its territory of a maximum of 450 metric tons of red clover seed (Trifolium pratense L.) of the category 'commercial seed' or of the category 'certified seed' of the first generation of varieties not included in the 'Common catalogue of varieties of agricultural plant species' or in its national catalogues of varieties. The official label shall state : 'Intended exclusively for the United Kingdom'.

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

2. The Federal Republic of Germany, the French Republic and the Kingdom of the Netherlands are authorized to permit, subject to the requirements as above, the marketing in their territories of a maximum of 450 metric tons of red clover seed, provided that such seed is intended exclusively for the United Kingdom. The official label shall state: 'Intended exclusively for the United Kingdom'.

Article 2

The United Kingdom, the Federal Republic of Germany, the French Republic and the Kingdom of the Netherlands shall notify the Commission before 1 November 1976, of the quantities of seed which has been marketed in their territories pursuant to this Decision. The Commission shall inform the other Member States thereof.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the United Kingdom, the Federal Republic of Germany, the French Republic and the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

Done at Brussels, 17 August 1976.

For the Commission

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