COMMISSION DECISION

of 2 December 1976

authorizing the United Kingdom to permit temporarily the marketing of rye seed not satisfying existing Community requirements

(Only the English text is authentic)

(76/941/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 66/402/EEC of 14 June 1966 on the marketing of cereal seed [1], as last amended by Council Directive 75/444/EEC [2], and in particular Article 17 thereof,

Having regard to the request made by the United Kingdom,

Whereas the United Kingdom does not have sufficient basic seed which satisfies the requirements relating to minimum analytical purity to meet demand in 1976 in the case of varieties of rye intended for use as green fodder;

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

Whereas the United Kingdom should therefore be authorized, during the period expiring on 31 December 1976, to permit the marketing of basic seed of rye which satisfies less stringent requirements relating to analytical purity;

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 United Kingdom is authorized to permit the marketing in its territory, during a period expiring on 31 December 1976, of a maximum of 175 metric tons of basic seed of varieties of rye intended for use as green fodder which do not satisfy the requirements set out in Annex II to the Council Directive of 14 June 1966 relating to analytical purity, provided that the following conditions are fulfilled:

(a) per 500 grammes, the number of seeds of other cereal species shall not exceed four and the total number of seeds of other plant species shall not exceed six;

(b) the official label shall indicate that the analytical purity of the seed is at a reduced level;

(b) the official label shall state 'intended exclusively for the United Kingdom'.

Article 2

The United Kingdom shall notify to the Commission before 1 April 1977 as to the quantity of basic seed rye permitted to be marketed in its territory pursuant to this Decision. The Commission shall inform the other Member States accordingly.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the United Kingdom.

Done at Brussels, 2 December 1976.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

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