COMMISSION DECISION

of 2 December 1976

authorizing the French Republic to permit temporarily the marketing of seed of white clover and red clover not satisfying existing Community requirements

(Only the French, Danish and Dutch texts are authentic)

(76/942/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 French Republic,

Whereas the production of seeds of the 'certified seed' category of white clover of the sub-species Trifolium repens L. var. Giganteum and of red clover (Trifolium pratense L.) is insufficient in 1976 and will not be adequate to supply French requirements;

Whereas it is not possible to meet this demand satisfactorily by resorting to 'certified seed' from other Member States, or even third countries, belonging to varieties included either in the 'Common Catalogue of varieties of agricultural plant species' or in the 'French national catalogues of varieties';

Whereas it is desirable therefore to authorize the French Republic to permit, for a period expiring on 31 July 1977, the marketing of seed of white and red clover as specified above meeting less stringent requirements;

Whereas it is necessary, moreover, to authorize other Member States which are in a position to supply the French Republic with red clover seed meeting less stringent requirements to permit the marketing of such seed, provided that it is intended exclusively for the French Republic;

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 during a period expiring on 31 July 1977 the marketing in its territory of:

(a) a maximum of 400 metric tons of commercial seed of white clover of the sub-species Trifolium repens L. var. gigantum;

(b) a maximum of 1 000 metric tons of red clover seed (Trifolium pratense L.) of the categories 'commercial seed' or first generation 'certified seed' belonging to varieties included neither in the 'Common Catalogue of varieties of agricultural plant species' nor in its national catalogues of varieties;

The official label shall state: 'intended exclusively for France'.

2. The Kingdom of Denmark 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 1 000 metric tons of red clover seeds, provided that such seed is intended exclusively for the French Republic. The official label shall state: 'intended exclusively for France'.

Article 2

The French Republic, the Kingdom of Denmark and the Kingdom of the Netherlands shall notify the Commission, before 1 November 1977, as to the quantities of seed marketed in their territories under this Decision. The Commission shall inform the other Member States accordingly.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the French Republic, the Kingdom of Denmark and the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

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. 2298/66.
[2] OJ No L 196, 26. 7. 1975, p. 6.