COMMISSION DECISION

of 29 December 1976

extending for the United Kingdom in respect of a certain number of varieties the period provided for in Article 15 (1) of Directive 70/457/EEC

(Only the English text is authentic)

(77/151/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 70/457/EEC of 29 September 1970 on the common catalogue of varieties of agricultural plant species [1], as last amended by Council Directive 73/438/EEC of 11 December 1973 [2], and in particular Article 15 (7) thereof,

Whereas, in accordance with the provisions of Article 15 (1) of the abovementioned Directive, seeds and propagating material of varieties of agricultural plant species which have been officially accepted during the year 1974 in at least one of the Member States and which also fulfil the conditions laid down in the abovementioned Directive are, with effect from 31 December 1976, no longer subject to any marketing restrictions relating to variety within the Community;

Whereas, however, Article 15 (2) of the abovementioned Directive provides that a Member State may be authorized upon application to prohibit the marketing of seeds and propagating material of certain varieties;

Whereas the United Kingdom has requested by letter of 25 November 1976 such authorization for a certain number of varieties;

Whereas this request is now being carefully examined by the Commission; whereas it is not possible to complete examination of all the varieties which are the subject of the request before expiry of the period provided for in Article 15 (1) of the abovementioned Directive;

Whereas it consequently seems desirable to extend, for the United Kingdom, the period in question for an appropriate time to permit a full examination of the request;

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 period provided for in Article 15 (1) of Directive 70/457/EEC, shall be extended for the United Kingdom beyond 31 December 1976 until 31 March 1977 in respect of the following varieties:

I. Fodder plants

Lolium perenne L.
Belida
Patora

II. Cereals

1. Hordeum distichum L.
   Pirouette
   Ramona
2. Triticum aestivum L.
   Burma.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the United Kingdom.

Done at Brussels, 29 December 1976.

For the Commission
P. J. LARDINOIS
Member of the Commission

[1] OJ No L 225, 12. 10. 1970, p. 1.
[2] OJ No L 356, 27. 12. 1973, p. 79.