COMMISSION DECISION

of 7 February 1977

authorizing the Federal Republic of Germany to permit temporarily the marketing of red clover seed not complying with Community conditions

(77/162/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 Directive 75/444/EEC (2), and in particular Article 17 thereof,

Having regard to the request made by the Federal Republic of Germany,

Whereas in Germany the production of red clover seed of the category 'certified seed' has been insufficient in 1976 and therefore will not be adequate to supply German requirements ;

Whereas it has not been possible adequately to meet this demand with certified seed from other Member States or non-member countries, of varieties included in the German catalogues of varieties or in the common catalogue of varieties of agricultural plant species ;

Whereas the Federal Republic of Germany should therefore be authorized to permit, for a period expiring on 31 July 1977, the marketing of red clover seed of varieties included neither in German catalogues nor in the common catalogue of varieties of agricultural plant species ;

Whereas in addition it is necessary to authorize those other Member States which are able to supply the Federal Republic of Germany with seed of the above species to permit the marketing of such seed provided that it is intended exclusively for the Federal Republic of Germany ;

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 Federal Republic of Germany is hereby authorized to permit, for a period expiring on 31 July 1977, the marketing in its territory of a maximum of 1 350 tonnes of red clover seed (Trifolium pratense L.) 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 bear the words : 'Intended exclusively for the Federal Republic of Germany'.

2. The other Member States are hereby authorized to permit, under the same conditions, the marketing of a maximum of 1 350 tonnes of red clover seed, provided that such seed is intended exclusively for the Federal Republic of Germany. The official label shall bear the words : 'Intended exclusively for the Federal Republic of Germany'.

Article 2

Member States shall notify the Commission, before 1 November 1977, of the quantities of seed marketed in its territory under this Decision. The Commission shall inform the other Member States thereof.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 7 February 1977.

For the Commission

Finn GUNDELACH

Vice-President

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