COMMISSION DECISION

of 7 February 1977

amending Decision 76/722/EEC authorizing the United Kingdom to permit temporarily the marketing of red clover seed subject to less stringent requirements

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

(77/164/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 United Kingdom,

Whereas the production of seed of the category 'certified seed' of red clover (Trifolium patense L.) was insufficient in 1976 and therefore will not be adequate to supply United Kingdom requirements;

Whereas Commission Decision 76/722/EEC of 17 August 1976 (3) has already authorized the United Kingdom to market 450 tonnes of red clover seed of the category 'commercial seed' or of the category 'certified seed' of the first generation of varieities not included in the common catalogue of varities of agricultural plant species or in its national catalogues of varieties, for a period which expired on 30 September 1976;

Whereas this period has not been sufficient to permit the marketing of seed covered by this Decision down to the ultimate user;

Whereas this period should therefore be extended;

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

In Article 1 of Decision 76/722/EEC, for '30 September 1976' read '31 July 1977'.

Article 2

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, 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.
(3) OJ No L 245, 7. 9. 1976, p. 16.