COMMISSION DECISION

of 3 March 1977

authorizing the Italian Republic to permit temporarily the marketing of seed not complying with the requirements of Council Directive 66/401/EEC

(77/222/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 Italian Republic,

Whereas in the Italian Republic the production of red clover seed complying with the requirements of the said Directive has been insufficient in 1976 and therefore will not be adequate to meet that country's needs ;

Whereas it is not possible sufficiently to cover this demand with certified seed from other Member States, or from third countries, of varieties included either in the common catalogue of varieties of agricultural plant species or in the Italian national catalogues of varieties ;

Whereas the Italian Republic should therefore be authorized to permit, for a period expiring on 31 July 1977, the marketing of seed of the abovementioned species of varieties not included either in the common catalogue of varieties of agricultural plant species or in the Italian national catalogues of varieties, or of a category subject to less stringent requirements ;

Whereas moreover other Member States, which are able to supply the Italian Republic with seed not complying with the requirements of the Directive, should be authorized to permit the marketing of such seed provided that it is intended for Italy ;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on Seed and Propagating Material for Agriculture, Horticulture and Forestry,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION :

Article 1

The Italian Republic is hereby authorized to permit for a period expiring on 31 July 1977 the marketing in its territory of a maximum of 700 tonnes of red clover seed (*Trifolium pratense L.*) of the category 'certified seed' of the first generation of varieties not included either in the common catalogue of varieties of agricultural plant species or in its national catalogues of varieties, or of the category 'commercial seed'. The official label shall state : 'Intended exclusively for Italy'.

Article 2

The other Member States are hereby authorized to permit, subject to the conditions laid down in Article 1, the marketing in their territory of a maximum of 700 tonnes of red clover seed, provided that it is intended exclusively for Italy. The official label shall state : 'Intended exclusively for Italy'.

Article 3

Member States shall notify the Commission before 1 November 1977 of the quantities of seed marketed in their territory pursuant to this Decision. The Commission shall inform the other Member States thereof.

Article 4

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 3 March 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.