COMMISSION DECISION

of 10 May 1977

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

(77/403/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 Kingdom of Belgium,

Whereas in Belgium the production of sheep's fescue seed complying with requirements of the said Directive has been insufficient in 1976 and is not adequate to supply the needs of that country;

Whereas it has not been possible to cover these needs satisfactorily by such seed from other Member States or even from third countries;

Whereas the Kingdom of Belgium should therefore be authorized to permit, for a period expiring on 31 July 1977, the marketing of seed of the abovementioned species of a category subject to less stringent requirements;

Whereas it appears also desirable to authorize other Member States which are able to supply the Kingdom of Belgium with this seed not complying with requirements of the Directive to permit the marketing of such seed provided that it is intended exclusively for Belgium;

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 Kingdom of Belgium is authorized to permit for a period expiring on 31 July 1977 the marketing on its territory of a maximum of 100 tonnes of sheep's fescue seed (Festuca ovina L. ssp. tenuifolia) of the category 'certified seed of the first generation' subject to less stringent requirements with regard to minimum germination capacity laid down in Annex II to Directive 66/401/EEC, provided that the following requirements are satisfied:

(a) the germination capacity is at least 67 % of pure seed;

(b) the official label shall bear the following endorsements:

— 'minimum germination capacity 67 %',
— 'intended exclusively for Belgium'.

Article 2

The other Member States are authorized to permit, subject to the conditions laid down in Article 1, the marketing in their territories of a maximum of 100 tonnes of sheep's fescue seed provided that such seed is intended exclusively for Belgium. The official label shall state: 'intended exclusively for Belgium'.

Article 3

The Member States shall notify the Commission before 1 November 1977 of the quantities of seed marketed in their territories 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, 10 May 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.