COMMISSION DECISION

of 13 October 1977

amending Decisions 77/222/EEC and 77/397/EEC authorizing the Italian Republic to permit temporarily the marketing of seed not complying with the requirements of Council Directive 66/401/EEC

(77/663/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 (2), and in particular Article 17 thereof,

Having regard to the request made by the Italian Republic,

Whereas in Italy the production of seed of the category 'certified seed' of red clover (Trifolium patense L.) and white clover (Trifolium repens L.) was insufficient in 1976 and therefore will not be adequate to meet that country's needs;

Whereas Commission Decisons 77/222/EEC of 3 March 1977 (3) and 77/397/EEC of 10 May 1977 (4) have already authorized the Italian Republic to market 700 tonnes of red clover seed and 100 tonnes of white clover seed not complying with the requirements of Council Directive 66/401/EEC, for a period which expired on 31 July 1977;

Whereas this period has not been sufficient to permit the marketing of all 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 77/222/EEC and in Article 1 (2) of Decision 77/397/EEC, for '31 July 1977' read '31 October 1977'.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 13 October 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 68, 15. 3. 1977, p. 33.
(4) OJ No L 147, 15. 6. 1977, p. 43.