COMMISSION DECISION

of 27 October 1977

authorizing the United Kingdom to permit temporarily the marketing of seed not complying with requirements of Council Directive 66/402/EEC

(77/689/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 66/402/EEC of 14 June 1966 on the marketing of cereal 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 United Kingdom,

Whereas in the United Kingdom the production of common wheat (winter wheat) seed complying with requirements of the said Directive has been insufficient in 1977 and is not adequate to supply the needs of that country ;

Whereas it has not been possible to cover these needs immediately by 'certified seed' from other Member States or even from third countries, meeting all the requirements laid down in the said Directive ;

Whereas the United Kingdom should therefore be authorized to permit, for a period expiring on 15 November 1977, the marketing of seed of the above-mentioned species of a category subject to less stringent requirements ;

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

Whereas the Standing Committee on Seed and Propagating Material for Agriculture, Horticulture and Forestry has not delivered an opinion within the time limit set by its chairman,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION :

Article 1

The United Kingdom is authorized to permit for a period expiring on 15 November 1977 the marketing on its territory of common wheat seed (Triticum aestivum L.) — winter wheat — up to a maximum of 13 000 tonnes of the categories 'Certified seed of the first generation' or 'Certified seed of the second generation' subject to less stringent requirements with regard to minimum germination capacity laid down in Annex II to Council Directive 66/402/EEC provided that the following requirements are satisfied :

(a) the germination capacity is at least 80 % of pure seed ;

(b) the official label shall bear the supplementary indication :
   — 'minimum germination 80 %',
   — 'intended exclusively for the United Kingdom'.

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 13 000 tonnes of common wheat (winter wheat) seed provided that such seed is intended exclusively for the United Kingdom.

The official label shall state : 'Intended exclusively for the United Kingdom'.

Article 3

The Member States shall notify the Commission before 31 March 1978 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, 27 October 1977.

For the Commission

Finn GUNDELACH

Vice-President

(1) OJ No 125, 11. 7. 1966, p. 2309/66.
(2) OJ No L 196, 26. 7. 1975, p. 6.