COMMISSION DECISION

of 10 February 1978

amending Decision 77/596/EEC authorizing the French Republic to permit temporarily the marketing of seed not complying with the requirements of Directive 66/401/EEC

(78/226/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 French Republic,

Whereas in France the production of seed of the category 'certified seed' of red clover (Trifolium pratense L.) was insufficient in 1976 and in 1977 and therefore will not be adequate to meet that country's needs;

Whereas Commission Decision 77/596/EEC of 14 September 1977 (3) has already authorized the French Republic to market 800 tonnes of red clover seed not complying with the requirements of Directive 66/401/EEC, for a period which expired on 31 October 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 the continuing need cannot be satisfactorily covered by seed from other Member States, or even from third countries, meeting all the requirements laid down in the said Directive;

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 77/596/EEC, for '31 October 1977' read '31 July 1978 for a maximum of 200 tonnes of red clover seed of the category "commercial seed"'.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 10 February 1978.

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 243, 22. 9. 1977, p. 23.