COMMISSION DECISION

of 22 February 1978

authorizing the Kingdom of the Netherlands to permit temporarily the marketing of seed not complying with requirements of Directive 69/208/EEC

(78/286/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 69/208/EEC of 30 June 1969 on the marketing of seed of oil and fibre plants [1], as last amended by Directive 78/55/EEC [2], and in particular Article 17 thereof,

Having regard to the request made by the Kingdom of the Netherlands,

Whereas in the Netherlands the production of caraway 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 satisfactorily by seed from other Member States or even from third countries, meeting all the requirements laid down in the said Directive;

Whereas the Kingdom of the Netherlands should therefore be authorized to permit, for a period expiring on 31 July 1978, the marketing of seed of the abovementioned species;

Whereas it also appears desirable to authorize other Member States which are able to supply the Kingdom of the Netherlands 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 Netherlands;

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 the Netherlands is authorized to permit, for a period expiring on 31 July 1978, the marketing in its territory of a maximum of 15 tonnes of caraway seed (Carum carvi L.) of the category 'commercial seed'. The official label shall state: 'intended exclusively for the Netherlands'.

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 15 tonnes of caraway seed, provided that such seed is intended exclusively for the Netherlands. The official label shall state: 'intended exclusively for the Netherlands'.

Article 3

The Member States shall notify the Commission before 1 November 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, 22 February 1978.

For the Commission

Finn GUNDELACH

Vice-President

(1) OJ No L 169, 10. 7. 1969, p. 3.
(2) OJ No L 16, 20. 1. 1978, p. 23.