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COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION
of 8 February 1979
amending the Annex to Fifth Council Decision 76/538/EEC on the equivalence of field inspections carried out in third countries on seed-producing crops

(79/234/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Fifth Council Decision 76/538/EEC of 17 May 1976 on the equivalence of field inspections carried out in third countries on seed-producing crops (1), as last amended by Decision 78/662/EEC (2), and in particular Article 2 thereof,

Whereas on 14 June 1977 the Council of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) accepted a scheme for the varietal certification of maize seed moving in international trade ;

Whereas this system is intended to serve in future as a basis of reference for the equivalence of maize seed produced in third countries ;

Whereas it is therefore necessary, as a first step, to establish, in addition to the equivalence of certain national systems, the equivalence also of this OECD system for the field inspection of maize seed harvested after 30 June 1979 in those third countries already able to apply the OECD system ;

Whereas the German Democratic Republic has given notice that the competent authority for the certification of seeds has changed ;

Whereas it is therefore necessary to amend the Annex to the abovementioned Decision in relation to Canada, Romania, Switzerland, Hungary, the United States of America and the German Democratic Republic ;

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 Annex to Fifth Council Decision 76/538/EEC shall be amended as follows :

1. Under reference numbers 6, 12, 14, 19 and 20 in the table, the particulars in respect of maize in column 5 shall be replaced by :

   '1 (*) or 2, 3, 4, 5'.

2. At the end of the table the following footnote shall be inserted :

   '(*) Solely in the case of seed harvested after 30 June 1979'.

3. Under reference number 22 in the table, the particulars set out in column 3 shall be replaced by the following :

   'Amt für Standardisierung,
   Meßwesen und Warenprüfung,
   Fachgebiet Saat- und Pflanzgut,
   Dresden'.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 8 February 1979.

For the Commission

Finn GUNDELACH

Vice-President

(1) OJ No L 162, 23. 6. 1976, p. 1.
(2) OJ No L 223, 14. 8. 1978, p. 4.