COMMISSION DECISION

of 8 February 1979

amending the Annex to Fifth Council Decision 76/539/EEC on the equivalence of seed produced in third countries

(79/235/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Fifth Council Decision 76/539/EEC of 17 May 1976 on the equivalence of seed produced in third countries (1), as last amended by Decision 78/661/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 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 76/539/EEC shall be amended as follows :

1. Under reference Nos 6, 12, 14, 19 and 20 in the table, the particulars set out in columns 5, 6 and 7 concerning maize shall be replaced by the following :

Ref. No	Country	Authority	Species	Categories :		Special conditions
				in the country	in the Community	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
6	Canada	Plant Products Division, Agriculture, Canada, Ottawa, Ontario	— Maize	(a) — Foundation seed	— Basic seed	2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10
				— Certified seed	— Certified seed	2, 3, 4a), 7, 8, 9, 10
				or		
				(b) (*) — Basic seed	— Basic seed	1, 3, 5, 8, 9, 10
				— Certified seed	— Certified seed	1, 3, 4a), 5, 8, 9, 10

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

(1) OJ No L 162, 23. 6. 1976, p. 10.
(2) OJ No L 223, 14. 8. 1978, p. 1.

Ref. No	Country	Authority	Species	Categories : in the country	Categories : in the Community	Special conditions
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
12	Romania	Ministerul Agriculturii si Industriei Alimentare — Inspectia de Stat pentru Calitatea Semintelor si Materialului Săditor (Ministry of Agriculture and Food Industry, Industry — State Inspectorate for the quality of Seed and Propagating Material)	— Maize	(a) — Elite — Original or (b) — Basic seed — Certified seed	— Basic seed — Certified seed — Basic seed — Certified seed	2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10 2, 3, 4a), 7, 8, 9, 10 1, 3, 5, 8, 9, 10 1, 3, 4a), 5, 8, 9, 10
14	Switzerland	— Eidgenössische Landwirtschaftliche Forschungsanstalt, Zürich — Station fédérale de recherches agronomiques, Nyon	— Maize	(a) — Elite — Original or (b) (*) — Basic seed — Certified seed	— Basic seed — Certified seed — Basic seed — Certified seed	2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10 2, 3, 4a), 7, 8, 9, 10 1, 3, 5, 8, 9, 10 1, 3, 4a), 5, 8, 9, 10
19	Hungary	Országos Vetömagfelügyelöseg (Hungarian Seed Control Office), Budapest	— Maize	(a) — Elite — Certificalt Vetömag : — Class 1 — Class 2 — Class 3 or (b) (*) — Basic seed — Certified seed	— Basic seed — Certified seed — Basic seed — Certified seed	2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10 2, 3, 4a), 7, 8, 9, 10 1, 3, 6, 8, 9, 10 1, 3, 4a), 5, 8, 9, 10
20	United States of America	— Alabama Crop Improvement Association, Inc. — Alaska Crop Improvement Association — Arizona Crop Improvement Association — Arkansas State Plant Board, Division of Seed Certification — California Crop Improvement Association — Colorado Seed Grower's Association — Delaware Crop Improvement Association — Florida Department of Agriculture	— Maize	(a) — Foundation seed — Certified seed or (b) (*) — Basic seed — Certified seed	— Basic seed — Certified seed — Basic seed — Certified seed	2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10 2, 3, 4a), 7, 8, 9, 10 1, 3, 5, 8, 9, 10 1, 3, 4a), 5, 8, 9, 10

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

Ref. No	Country	Authority	Species	Categories : in the country	Categories : in the Community	Special conditions
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
20 *(cont'd)*	United States of America	— Georgia Crop Improvement Association, Inc. — Idaho Crop Improvement Association, Inc. — Illinois Crop Improvement Association, Inc. — Indiana Crop Improvement Association, Inc. — Iowa Crop Improvement Association — Kansas Crop Improvement Association — Kentucky Seed Improvement Association — Louisiana Department of Agriculture, Division of Entomology — Maine Department of Agriculture, Division of Plant Industry — Maryland State Board of Agriculture, Department of Agronomy — Michigan Crop Improvement Association — Minesota Crop Improvement Association — Mississippi Seed Improvement Association — Missouri Seed Improvement Association — Montana Seed Growers' Association — Nebraska Crop Improvement Association — Nevada Department of Agriculture, Division of Plant Industry — New Jersey Department of Agriculture, Division of Plant Industry	— Maize	(a) — Foundation seed — Certified seed or (b) (*) — Basic seed — Certified seed	— Basic seed — Certified seed — Basic seed — Certified seed	2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10 2, 3, 4 a), 7, 8, 9, 10 1, 3, 5, 8, 9, 10 1, 3, 4 a), 5, 8, 9, 10

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

Ref. No	Country	Authority	Species	Categories : in the country	Categories : in the Community	Special conditions
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
20 *(cont'd)*	United States of America	— New Mexico Crop Improvement Association — New York Seed Improvement Coop., Inc. — North Carolina Crop Improvement Association, Inc. — North Dakota State Seed Department — Ohio Seed Improvement Association — Oklahoma Crop Improvement Association — Oregon State University, Extension Service — Pennsylvania State Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Plant Industry — South Carolina Crop Improvement Association — South Dakota Crop Improvement Association — Tennessee Crop Improvement Association — Texas Department of Agriculture — Utah Crop Improvement Association — Utah Agricultural Experiment Station — Vermont Department of Agriculture — Virginia Crop Improvement Association — Washington State Crop Improvement Association, Inc. — Washington State Department of Agriculture, Seed Branch — West Virginia Associated Crop Grower's Association — Wisconsin Crop Improvement Association — Wyoming Seed Certification Service	— Maize	(a) — Foundation seed — Certified seed or (b) (*) — Basic seed — Certified seed	— Basic seed — Certified seed — Basic seed — Certified seed	2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10 2, 3, 4 a), 7, 8, 9, 10 1, 3, 6, 8, 9, 10 1, 3, 4 a), 5, 8, 9, 10

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

2. Under reference No 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