COUNCIL DECISION

of 22 April 1991

amending the Seventh Decision, 85/355/EEC, on the equivalence of field inspections carried out in third countries on seed producing crops and the Seventh Decision, 85/356/EEC, on the equivalence of seed produced in third countries

(91/239/EEC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 66/400/EEC of 14 June 1966 on the marketing of beet seed (1), as last amended by Directive 90/654/EEC (2), and in particular Article 16 (1) (a) and (b) thereof,

Having regard to Council Directive 66/401/EEC of 14 June 1966 on the marketing of fodder plant seed (3), as last amended by Directive 90/654/EEC, and in particular Article 16 (1) (a) and (b) thereof,

Having regard to Council Directive 66/402/EEC of 14 June 1966 on the marketing of cereal seed (4), as last amended by Directive 90/654/EEC, and in particular Article 16 (1) (a) and (b) thereof,

Having regard to Council Directive 69/208/EEC of 30 June 1969 on the marketing of seed of oil and fibre plants (5), as last amended by Directive 90/654/EEC, and in particular Article 15 (1) (a) and (b) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas, in its seventh Decision, 85/355/EEC (6), as last amended by Decision 90/402/EEC (7), the Council determined that field inspections carried out in certain third countries on seed-producing crops of certain species satisfied the conditions laid down in Directives 66/400/EEC, 66/401/EEC, 66/402/EEC and 69/208/EEC;

Whereas, in its seventh Decision, 85/356/EEC (8), as last amended by Decision 90/402/EEC, the Council determined that seed of certain species produced in certain third countries is equivalent to corresponding seed harvested in the Community;

Whereas, in the case of certain third countries, additional detailed information was requested and the equivalence granted in respect of those countries was limited to a period thought necessary to examine and assess that additional information; whereas that period expires with regard to Austria on 31 March 1991;

Whereas, in the case of Austria, the examination and assessment of the information requested is, for the present, complete for all species other than maize; whereas it is therefore appropriate, as far as species other than maize are concerned, to extend the abovementioned period until 30 June 1995, the date on which Decisions 85/355/EEC and 85/356/EEC expire in respect of the majority of third countries;

Whereas in the case of Austria and as far as maize is concerned further information is awaited; whereas it is therefore appropriate in this case, to grant a shorter extension of the abovementioned period, to allow time for this information to be supplied and assessed,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Article 3 of Decision 85/355/EEC is hereby replaced by the following:

'Article 3

This Decision shall apply from 1 July 1990 to 31 March 1992 in the case of Austria for the species *Zea mays* (maize), from 1 July 1990 to 30 June 1995 in the case of Austria for all other species listed in respect of that country in the table in Part I, point 2 of the Annex, from 1 July 1990 to 30 June 1992 in the case of Australia for the species *Medicago sativa* (lucerne) and *Helianthus annuus* (sunflower), from 1 July 1990 to 30 June 1995 in the case of Australia for all other species listed in respect of that country in the table in Part I, point 2 of the Annex and from 1 July 1990 to 30 June 1995 in the case of the other third countries listed in Part 1 of the Annex.'

(1) OJ No 125, 11. 7. 1966, p. 2290/66.
(2) OJ No L 353, 17. 12. 1990, p. 48.
(3) OJ No 125, 11. 7. 1966, p. 2298/66.
(4) OJ No 125, 11. 7. 1966, p. 2309/66.
(5) OJ No L 169, 10. 7. 1969, p. 3.
(6) OJ No L 195, 26. 7. 1985, p. 1.
(7) OJ No L 208, 7. 8. 1990, p. 27.
(8) OJ No L 195, 26. 7. 1985, p. 20.

Article 2

Article 5 of Decision 85/356/EEC is replaced by the following :

'Article 5

This Decision shall apply from 1 July 1990 to 31 March 1992 in the case of Austria for the species *Zea mays* (maize), from 1 July 1990 to 30 June 1995 in the case of Austria for all other species listed in respect of that country in the table in Part 1, point 2 of the Annex, from 1 July 1990 to 30 June 1992 in the case of Australia for the species *Medicago sativa* (lucerne) and *Helianthus annuus* (sunflower), from 1 July 1990 to 30 June 1995 in the case of Australia for all other species listed in respect of that country in the table in Part I, point 2 of the Annex and from 1 July 1990 to 30 June 1995 in the case of the other third countries listed in Part 1 of the Annex.'

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Luxembourg, 22 April 1991.

For the Council

The President

R. STEICHEN

Information concerning the entry into force of the Agreement establishing the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (1)

The Agreement establishing the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development entered into force on 28 March 1991, in accordance with Article 62 thereof. In effect, on that date the instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval of the signatories whose initial subscriptions represent two-thirds of the capital, including at least two countries from Central and Eastern Europe, had been deposited with the French Government.

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(1) OJ No L 372, 31. 12. 1990, p. 1.