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DECISIONS

COMMISSION

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of 22 March 2007

authorising Finnish aid for seeds and cereal seed in respect of the year 2006

(notified under document number C(2007) 1280)

(Only the Finnish and Swedish texts are authentic)

(2007/179/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1947/2005 of 23 November 2005 on the common organisation of the market in seeds and repealing Regulations (EEC) No 2358/71 and (EEC) No 1674/72 [1], and in particular the first subparagraph of Article 8(2) thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2358/71 of 26 October 1971 on the common organisation of the market in seeds [2], and in particular Article 8 thereof,

Whereas:

(1) By letter dated 18 December 2006, the Finnish Government requested authorisation, from 1 January 2006 to 31 December 2006, to grant farmers aid for certain quantities of varieties of seeds and cereal seed produced solely in Finland because of its specific climatic conditions.

(2) Finland requests authorisation to grant aid per hectare for certain areas under *Gramineae* (grass) and *Leguminosae* (legumes) seeds species as listed in Annex XI to Council Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003 of 29 September 2003 establishing common rules for direct support schemes under the common agricultural policy and establishing certain support schemes for farmers [3], with the exception of *Phleum pratense L.* (Timothy), and for certain areas under cereal seed.

(3) The proposed aid meets the requirements laid down in Article 8 of Regulation (EC) No 1947/2005. It concerns seeds and cereal seed varieties for cultivation in Finland which are adapted to the weather conditions in that country and are not grown in other Member States. The Commission authorisation should be limited to the varieties included in the list of Finnish varieties which are cultivated only in Finland.

(4) Provision should be made for the Commission to be informed of the measures taken by Finland to comply with the limits laid down in this Decision,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Finland is authorised, from 1 January 2006 to 31 December 2006, to grant aid to growers established on its territory producing certified seeds and certified cereal seed referred to in the Annex, within the limits of the amounts laid down in that Annex.

[1] OJ L 312, 29.11.2005, p. 3.

[2] OJ L 246, 5.11.1971, p. 1. Regulation repealed by Regulation (EC) No 1947/2005.

[3] OJ L 270, 21.10.2003, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2013/2006 (OJ L 384, 29.12.2006, p. 13).

The authorisation shall cover exclusively varieties listed in the Finnish national catalogue and which are grown solely in Finland.

Article 2

Finland shall ensure, by an appropriate inspection system, that the aid is granted only in respect of the varieties referred to in the Annex.

Article 3

Finland shall send to the Commission a list of the certified varieties concerned and any amendment thereto and inform it of the areas and quantities of seeds and cereal seed for which the aid is granted.

Article 4

This Decision shall apply from 1 January 2006.

Article 5

This Decision is addressed to the Republic of Finland.

Done at Brussels, 22 March 2007.

For the Commission
Mariann FISCHER BOEL
Member of the Commission

ANNEX

Seeds

Eligible:	Area under certified *Gramineae* (grass) and *Leguminosae* (legumes) seeds of species listed in Annex XI to Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003 with the exception of *Phleum pratense L.* (Timothy).
Maximum aid per hectare:	EUR 220
Maximum budget:	EUR 442 200

Cereal seed

Eligible:	Area under certified seed of wheat, oats, barley and rye.
Maximum aid per hectare:	EUR 73
Maximum budget:	EUR 2 190 000.