REGULATION (EEC) No 3556/73 OF THE COMMISSION

21 December 1973

derogating from Regulation (EEC) No 1403/69 as regards the standard method of denaturing common wheat in Denmark

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community;

Having regard to Council Regulation No 120/67/EEC [1] of 13 June 1967 on the common organization of the market in cereals, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1346/73 [2], and in particular Article 7 (5) thereof;

Whereas Article 1 of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1403/69 [3] of 18 July 1969 laying down detailed rules for the application of the provisions concerning denaturing of common wheat and rye of bread-making quality provided for a standard method of denaturing by colouring; whereas in Denmark the obligation to observe this method has run into difficulties, the equipment not being converted and the necessary products not being available in sufficient quantities; whereas for this reason Commission Regulation (EEC) No 621/73 [4] of 2 March 1973 derogating from Regulation (EEC) No 1403/69 as regards the standard method of denaturing common wheat in Denmark provided that as a temporary measure this Member State could have recourse to a method other than that laid down by the Community Regulations;

Whereas, however, recent research has revealed that this method is not free from health risks; whereas then it is appropriate not to extend the derogation which permitted it; whereas the professional circles in Denmark are not yet ready to apply the Community standard method; whereas in consequence it is appropriate, as a temporary measure, to allow recourse to another method of denaturing by colouring using Green S which was also used in this Member State before Accession;

Whereas it seems desirable to provide that this derogation from the Community Regulations should extend up to the end of the current marketing year; whereas, in fact, in its memorandum on adjustments to the Common Agricultural Policy, the Commission is making proposals for modifications to the Community system currently governing denaturing; whereas in so far as the discussions on this subject are not finished it does not seem appropriate to require Denmark to adopt the Community reference method since the whole denaturing system may be substantially altered before the beginning of the next marketing year;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the Opinion of the Management Committee for Cereals,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

By way of derogation from Article 1 of Regulation (EEC) No 1403/69, the denaturing process for common wheat, set out in the Annex to this Regulation, may be used in Denmark until 31 July 1974 in place of the standard method.

Article 2

There may be no trade between Member States in common wheat denatured in accordance with Article 1, except between Denmark, Ireland and the United Kingdom.

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

It shall apply from the 1 December 1973.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 21 December 1973.

For the Commission

The President

François-Xavier ORTOLI

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[1] OJ No 117, 19. 6. 1967, p. 2269/67.
[2] OJ No L 141, 28. 5. 1973, p. 9.
[3] OJ No L 180, 22. 7. 1969, p. 3.
[4] OJ No L 58, 3. 3. 1973, p. 10.

ANNEX

Denaturing process for common wheat applicable in Denmark

The common wheat must be treated with the colouring matter listed below in such manner that the said common wheat shall contain a quantity of colouring matter at least equal to that shown in column 4 and evenly distributed, so that least 5 % of the grains shall be coloured and distributed throughout the whole quantity.

TABLE OF COLOURING MATTER

1	2	3	4
Common name of dye	Scientific name	Colour index (1956) number	Minimum quantity in parts per million by weight
Green S	Sodium salt of di-(p-dimethyl-aminophenyl)-2-hydroxy-3 : 6-di-sulphonaphthylmethanol anhydride	44 090	20