COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No 3718/81

of 21 December 1981

amending Regulation (EEC) No 315/68 fixing quality standards for flowering bulbs, corms and tubers

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 234/68 of 27 February 1968 on the establishment of a common organization of the market in live trees and other plants, bulbs, roots and the like, cut flowers and ornamental foliage [1], and in particular Article 3 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission [2],

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament [3],

Whereas Regulation (EEC) No 315/68 [4], as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2530/80 [5], fixed quality standards for flowering bulbs, corns and tubers intended for delivery to consumers or for export to non-member countries;

Whereas there is substantial trade within the Community products intended for propagation; whereas quality standards should therefore be laid down for those products,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The following subparagraph is hereby added to Article 2 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 315/68:

'The produce referred to in Article 1 intended for purposes other than those referred to in the first subparagraph of this Article may not be sold within the Community unless:

(a) they comply with the provisions set out in the first subparagraph of Title II of the Annex;

(b) each unit pack contains a minimum number of bulbs determined in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 14 of Regulation (EEC) No 234/68;

(c) each package is closed;

(d) each package bears the following particulars, legibly and indelibly marked:

— Identification

Vendor: name and address or code mark,

— Nature of produce

"produce for propagation".'

Article 2

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

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

Done at Brussels, 21 December 1981.

For the Council

The President

N. RIDLEY

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[1] OJ No L 55, 2. 3. 1968, p. 1.
[2] OJ No C 266, 17. 10. 1981, p. 4.
[3] Opinion delivered on 17 December 1981 (not yet published in the Official Journal).
[4] OJ No L 71, 21. 3. 1968, p. 1.
[5] OJ No L 259, 2. 10. 1980, p. 6.