COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1529/2000

of 13 July 2000

establishing the list of varieties of *Cannabis sativa* L. eligible for aid under Council Regulation (EEC) No 2358/71

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2358/71 of 26 October 1971 on the common organisation of the market in seeds [1], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1405/1999 [2], and in particular Article 3(6) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Annex I to Regulation (EEC) No 2358/71 lists *Cannabis sativa* L. among the products on which production aid is payable for basic and certified seed.

(2) Article 3(1) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 619/71 of 22 March 1971 laying down general rules for granting aid for flax and hemp [3], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1420/98 [4], stipulates that production aid is to be granted solely on hemp harvested after seed formation and grown from certified seed of varieties on a list to be drawn up in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 12 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 1308/70 of 29 June 1970 on the common organisation of the market in flax and hemp [5], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2702/1999 [6]. For the purposes of granting aid for the production of hemp for the 1998/1999, 1999/2000 and 2000/2001 marketing years, the Council has specified that only varieties found to have a THC content not exceeding 0,3 % and, for subsequent marketing years, not exceeding 0,2 % are to appear on that list.

(3) Annex I to Regulation (EEC) No 2358/71 refers to varieties of *Cannabis sativa* L. with a THC content not exceeding 0,3 % for the 2000/2001 marketing year and not exceeding 0,2 % for subsequent marketing years.

(4) In order to ensure uniform application throughout the Community of the rules for granting the aid, a list should be established of the different varieties of Cannabis sativa L. eligible for aid under Article 3(6) of Regulation (EEC) No 2358/71 and the list laid down in Annex B to Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1164/89 of 28 April 1989 laying down detailed rules concerning the aid for fibre flax and hemp [7], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1313/2000 [8] should be used for that purpose.

(5) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Seed,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The varieties of *Cannabis sativa* L. eligible for aid under Article 3(6) of Regulation (EEC) No 2358/71 shall be those listed in Annex B to Regulation (EEC) No 1164/89.

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, 13 July 2000.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

[1] OJ L 246, 5.11.1971, p. 1.
[2] OJ L 164, 30.6.1999, p. 17.
[3] OJ L 72, 26.3.1971, p. 2.
[4] OJ L 190, 4.7.1998, p. 7.
[5] OJ L 146, 4.7.1970, p. 1.
[6] OJ L 327, 14.12.1999, p. 7.
[7] OJ L 121, 29.4.1989, p. 4.
[8] OJ L 148, 22.6.2000, p. 34.