

## COMMISSION DECISION

of 17 February 1976

authorizing the French Republic temporarily to permit the marketing of commercial seed of white clover subject to less stringent requirements

(Only the French text is authentic)

(76/259/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to the Council Directive of 14 June 1966 on the marketing of fodder plant seed <sup>(1)</sup>, as last amended by the Council Directive of 26 June 1975 <sup>(2)</sup>, and in particular Article 17 thereof,

Having regard to the request made by the French Government,

Whereas the production of seeds of the 'certified seed' category of the sub-species *Trifolium repens L., var. giganteum*, is insufficient in 1975 and will not be adequate to supply French requirements;

Whereas the demand cannot be met from certified seed from other Member States;

Whereas the French Republic should therefore be authorized, during the period expiring on 31 July 1976, to permit the marketing of commercial seed of *Trifolium repens L., var. giganteum*;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on Seeds and Propagating Material for Agriculture, Horticulture and Forestry,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

The French Republic is authorized to permit the marketing in its territory, during the period expiring on 31 July 1976, of 100 metric tons of commercial seed of the sub-species *Trifolium repens L., var. giganteum*, provided that the conditions in points 2 and 3 of Part I of Annex II to Directive 66/401/EEC are satisfied. The official label shall bear the endorsement 'intended exclusively for marketing in France'.

*Article 2*

The French Republic shall report to the Commission, before 1 November 1976, the quantities of commercial seed marketed in its territory under this Decision.

The Commission shall inform the other Member States thereof.

*Article 3*

This Decision is addressed to the French Republic.

Done at Brussels, 17 February 1976.

*For the Commission*

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*Member of the Commission*

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No 125, 11. 7. 1966, p. 2298/66.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ No L 196, 26. 7. 1975, p. 6.