

COMMISSION DECISION

of 2 June 1987

authorizing the indelible printing of prescribed information on packages of seed
of certain fodder plant species

(87/309/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,
Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European
Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 66/401/EEC of 14
June 1966 on the marketing of fodder plant seed⁽¹⁾, as
last amended by Commission Directive 87/120/EEC⁽²⁾,
and in particular the last sentence of Article 10 (1) (a)
thereof,

Whereas fodder plantseed may not normally be placed on
the market unless its packages are labelled with an official
label in accordance with the provisions laid down in
Directive 66/401/EEC;

Whereas, in respect of cereal seed, Commission Decision
80/755/EEC⁽³⁾ authorized the indelible printing of the
prescribed information on the package itself, on the basis
of the model laid down for the label, under certain condi-
tions which ensured that responsibility rested with the
certification authority;

Whereas that system has proved to be useful;

Whereas it is now desirable to grant a similar authoriza-
tion, under the same conditions, in respect of field pea
and field bean;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Decision are in
accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee
on Seeds and Propagating Material for Agricultural, Horti-
culture and Forestry,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

1. The Member States are hereby authorized, under the
conditions laid down in paragraph 2, to provide for the
printing under official supervision of the prescribed infor-
mation on packages of seed of field pea and field bean of
the categories 'basic seed' and 'certified seed'.

2. The following conditions shall apply in respect of
the authorization granted in paragraph 1:

- (a) the prescribed information shall be printed or stamped
indelibly on the package;
- (b) the lay-out and the colour of the printing or the
stamp shall be in accordance with the model for the
label used in the Member State concerned;
- (c) of the prescribed information, at least that required
under Annex IV (A) (a) (3), (3a) and (6) to Directive
66/401/EEC shall be printed or stamped when
samples are taken pursuant to Article 7 (2) of the
Directive, the printing or stamping being done offici-
ally or under official supervision;
- (d) in addition to the prescribed information, each
package shall have an officially attributed individual
serial number which shall have been printed or
stamped indelibly on it by the package printing firm;
that firm shall inform the certification authority of the
quantities of packages issued, including their serial
numbers;
- (e) the certification authority shall keep records of the
quantities of seed thus marked, including the number
and contents of the packages of each lot, as well as the
serial numbers referred to under (d);
- (f) producers' records shall be subject to supervision by
the certification authority.

Article 2

The Member States shall notify the Commission of the
conditions under which they make use of the authoriza-
tion granted in Article 1. The Commission shall inform
the other Member States thereof.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 2 June 1987.

For the Commission

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Vice-President

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

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 49, 18. 2. 1987, p. 39.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 207, 9. 8. 1980, p. 37.