

COMMISSION DECISION

of 13 January 1978

amending Commission Decision 77/783/EEC authorizing the Italian Republic to permit temporarily the marketing of seed not complying with requirements of Council Directive 66/402/EEC

(Only the Italian text is authentic)

(78/160/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 66/402/EEC of 14 June 1966 on the marketing of cereal seed⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Directive 75/444/EEC⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 17 thereof,

Having regard to the request made by the Italian Republic,

Whereas the Commission has authorized, by Decision 77/783/EEC of 24 November 1977⁽³⁾, the Italian Republic to permit the marketing of 8 000 tonnes of rice seed of a category subject to less stringent requirements with regard to the maximum number of red grains;

Whereas it has turned out that this country's seed needs can only be assured if the requirements of germination capacity are also relaxed for a part of the abovementioned quantity;

Whereas the abovementioned Decision should be amended accordingly;

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

1. In Article 1 of Commission Decision 77/783/EEC the figure '8 000' shall be replaced by the figure '4 000'.

2. The following Article 1a shall be added after Article 1:

Article 1a

The Italian Republic is hereby authorized to permit for a period expiring on 30 June 1978 the marketing in its territory of a maximum of 4 000 tonnes of rice seed (*Oryza sativa* L.) of the category "certified seed of the second generation" subject to less stringent requirements with regard to minimum germination capacity and with regard to the maximum number of red grains laid down in Annex II to Directive 66/402/EEC, under the following conditions:

- (a) the number of red grains per 500 grams shall not exceed 10;
- (b) the germination capacity shall be at least 75 % of pure seed;
- (c) the official label shall be marked as follows:
 - "maximum number of red grains: 10 per 500 grams",
 - "minimum germination capacity 75 %",
 - "intended exclusively for Italy".

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Italian Republic.

Done at Brussels, 13 January 1978.

For the Commission

Finn GUNDELACH

Vice-President

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 125, 11. 7. 1966, p. 2309/66.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 196, 26. 7. 1975, p. 6.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 327, 20. 12. 1977, p. 39.