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**REGULATION (EEC) No 537/70 OF THE COMMISSION  
of 23 March 1970**

**authorising Member States to take measures derogating from certain requirements of the quality standards applicable to exports to third countries of flowering bulbs, corms and tubers**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community;

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 234/68 <sup>(1)</sup> of 27 February 1968 on the establishment of a common organisation of the market in live trees and other plants, bulbs, roots and the like, cut flowers and ornamental foliage;

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 315/68 <sup>(2)</sup> of 12 March 1968 fixing quality standards for flowering bulbs, corms and tubers, as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 448/69 <sup>(3)</sup> and in particular Article 2 (2) thereof;

Whereas under Article 2 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 315/68, Member States may be authorised to take measures derogating from certain requirements of the quality standards in order to allow exporters to meet the trade requirements of certain third countries;

Whereas the quality standards established by Regulation (EEC) No 315/68 do not in certain cases allow the trade requirements of third countries to be met; whereas, when such trade requirements are stable and unchanging, Member States should be authorised to meet them for an unlimited period;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the Opinion of the Management Committee for Live Plants;

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

*Article 1*

1. Member States shall be authorised to take certain measures derogating from the quality, standards applicable to exports to third countries of the following flowering bulbs, corms and tubers:

Freesia Ragioneri

Freesia Refracta Alba

Freesia Buttercup

Gladioli, with large blooms

Gladioli primulinus

Gladioli Héraut

Gladioli Papillon

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Hyacinthus orientalis

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Iris 'Wedgwood'.

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No L 55, 2.3.1968, p. 1.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ No L 71, 21.3.1969, p. 1.

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ No L 61, 12.3.1969, p. 1.

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2. The measures of derogation mentioned in paragraph 1 may only be taken in respect of sizing and under the conditions and within the limits specified in the Annex.

*Article 2*

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 June 1970.

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

## ANNEX

## Conditions and limits provided for in Article 1 (2)

Description of products	Type of pack	Third country of destination	Minimum size	Size Grading
Freesia Ragioneri	} any packing, except single packing parcels grouping single packings	} all countries	} none	up to 4
Freesia Refracta Alba				
Freesia Buttercup				
Gladioli, with large blooms	} single packing or parcels grouping single packings	} all countries	} 6 cm	} 6 to 8
Gladioli primulinus				
Gladioli Heraut				
Gladioli, with large blooms	} any packing, except single packing or parcels grouping single packings	} all countries	} none	} up to 8
Gladioli primulinus				
Gladioli Heraut				
Gladioli Papillon	any packing	all countries	none	up to 7
Hyacinthus orientalis	any packing	Japan	12 cm	12 to 14
Iris 'Wedgwood'	any packing	Southern Hemisphere	7 cm	7 to 8
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