

COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 2971/76

of 7 December 1976

amending Regulations (EEC) No 315/68 and (EEC) No 537/70 as regards the quality standards for bulbs of *Iris danfordiae* and *Iris reticulata*

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 of 27 February 1968 on the establishment of a common organization of the market in live trees and other plants, bulbs, roots and the like, cut flowers and ornamental foliage⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 4 thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 315/68 of 12 March 1968 fixing quality standards for flowering bulbs, corms and tubers⁽²⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 949/75⁽³⁾, and in particular Article 2 (2) thereof,

Whereas Regulation (EEC) No 315/68 fixed the quality standards for flowering bulbs, corms and tubers; whereas experience shows that, having regard to the production techniques currently in use and to the cultivars and hybrids of *Iris reticulata* on the market, it is necessary to adjust the minimum sizes for the bulbs of *Iris danfordiae* and *Iris reticulata*;

Whereas Commission Regulation (EEC) No 537/70 of 23 March 1970⁽⁴⁾ authorized Member States to take measures derogating from certain requirements of the quality standards applicable to exports to non-member countries of flowering bulbs, corms and tubers; whereas, as regards *Iris reticulata*, the commercial requirements of certain non-member countries have come into line with those existing within the Community; whereas the authorization given to

Member States in respect of the product in question should therefore be withdrawn;

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

In the table appearing in Chapter III of the Annex to Regulation (EEC) No 315/68:

- on the line relating to *Iris danfordiae*:
 - the figure '4.5 cm' in the minimum size column is replaced by '5.0 cm',
 - the size gradings '4.5 to 5.5' and over are replaced by the entry 'nil';
- on the line relating to *Iris reticulata*, the words 'its cultivars and hybrids' are added to the column 'Botanical description of the product'.

Article 2

1. In Article 1 of Regulation (EEC) No 537/70, the words '*Iris reticulata*' are deleted.
2. In the Annex to Regulation (EEC) No 537/70, the provisions concerning *Iris reticulata* are deleted.

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 July 1977.

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

Done at Brussels, 7 December 1976.

For the Commission

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⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 55, 2. 3. 1968, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 71, 21. 3. 1968, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 91, 12. 4. 1975, p. 14.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 67, 24. 3. 1970, p. 10.