

# COMMISSION

## Proposal for a Council Directive amending Directive 69/208/EEC on the marketing of seed of oil and fibre plants

*(Submitted by the Commission to the Council on 12 May 1982)*

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 43 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament,

Whereas, for the reasons given below, Council Directive 69/208/EEC <sup>(1)</sup>, as last amended by Directive 81/126/EEC <sup>(2)</sup>, should be amended;

Whereas experience with regard to supplies of fibre flax seed shows that it is necessary to retain, at this stage, the category of 'certified seeds of the third generation' for an indefinite period;

Whereas with regard to linseed, the production conditions developed recently in some Member States justify retention of the category of 'certified seed of the third generation' for a further year; whereas this extension should be sufficient to enable those conditions to be adapted to ensure adequate supplies of linseed on the basis of seeds of the categories

'certified seed of the first generation' and 'certified seed of the second generation',

HAS ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE:

### *Article 1*

Directive 69/208/EEC shall be amended as follows:

1. In Article 2 (2) (c) 'flax seed' shall be replaced by 'linseed'.
2. In Article 2 (2) (c) '30 June 1982' shall be replaced by '30 June 1983'.

### *Article 2*

Member States shall bring into force the laws, regulations and administrative provisions necessary to comply with this Directive not later than 1 July 1982. They shall forthwith inform the Commission thereof.

### *Article 3*

This Directive is addressed to the Member States.

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No L 169, 10. 7. 1969, p. 3.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ No L 67, 12. 3. 1981, p. 36.