

COMMISSION DECISION**of 19 February 2010****authorising Finnish aid for seeds and cereal seed in respect of the harvest year 2010***(notified under document C(2010) 946)***(Only the Finnish and Swedish texts are authentic)**

(2010/100/EU)

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 of 22 October 2007 establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products (Single CMO regulation) ⁽¹⁾, and in particular the first subparagraph of Article 182(2), in conjunction with Article 4 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) By letter dated 6 October 2009, the Finnish Government requested authorisation, for the year 2010, to grant farmers aid for certain quantities of varieties of seeds and cereal seed produced solely in Finland because of its specific climatic conditions.
- (2) Finland requests authorisation to grant aid per hectare for certain areas under Gramineae (grass) and Leguminosae (legumes) seeds species as listed in Annex XIII to Council Regulation (EC) No 73/2009 of 19 January 2009 establishing common rules for direct support schemes for farmers under the common agricultural policy and establishing certain support schemes for farmers, amending Regulations (EC) No 1290/2005, (EC) No 247/2006, (EC) No 378/2007 and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003 ⁽²⁾, with the exception of *Phleum pratense* L. (Timothy), and for certain areas under cereal seed.
- (3) The proposed aid has to meet the requirements laid down in Article 182(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007. It concerns seeds and cereal seed varieties for cultivation in Finland which are adapted to the weather conditions in that country and are not grown in other Member States. The Commission authorisation should be limited to the varieties included in the list of Finnish varieties which are produced solely in Finland.
- (4) Provision should be made for the Commission to be informed of the measures taken by Finland to comply with the limits laid down in this Decision.

- (5) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for the Common Organisation of Agricultural Markets,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Finland is authorised, from 1 January 2010 to 31 December 2010, to grant aid to growers established on its territory producing certified seeds and certified cereal seed referred to in the Annex, within the limits of the amounts laid down in that Annex.

The authorisation shall cover exclusively varieties listed in the Finnish national catalogue and which are grown solely in Finland.

Article 2

Finland shall ensure, by an appropriate inspection system that the aid is granted only in respect of the varieties referred to in the Annex.

Article 3

Finland shall send to the Commission a list of the certified varieties concerned and any amendment thereto and inform it of the areas and quantities of seeds and cereal seed for which the aid is granted.

Article 4

This Decision shall apply from 1 January 2010.

Article 5

This Decision is addressed to the Republic of Finland.

Done at Brussels, 19 February 2010.

For the Commission
Dacian CIOLOS
Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 299, 16.11.2007, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 30, 31.1.2009, p. 16.

ANNEX

Seeds

Eligible: area under certified Gramineae (grass) and Leguminosae (legumes) seeds of species listed in Annex XIII to Regulation (EC) No 73/2009 with the exception of *Phleum pratense* L. (Timothy).

Maximum aid per hectare: EUR 220

Maximum budget: EUR 442 200

Cereal seed

Eligible: area under certified seed of wheat, oats, barley and rye.

Maximum aid per hectare: EUR 73

Maximum budget: EUR 2 190 000
