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FIRST COUNCIL DECISION

of 20 July 1972

on the equivalence of seed potatoes produced in third countries

(72/294/EEC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community;

Having regard to the Council Directive of 14 June 1966¹ on the marketing of seed potatoes, as last amended by the Council Directive of 30 March 1971,² and in particular Article 15 (1) thereof;

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission;

Whereas there are at present rules in Austria and Switzerland on varietal and quality controls for seed potatoes;

Whereas those rules and the manner in which they are applied have been reviewed; whereas this review has established that the conditions governing seed potatoes harvested and controlled in those countries as regards their characters, and the arrangements for their examination, for ensuring their identity, for marking and for control afford the same assurances as seed potatoes harvested and controlled within the Community;

Whereas, if it becomes apparent that the conditions on which Community determinations are based are not or are no longer satisfied, those determinations will be revoked or the period of their validity will not be extended;

Whereas further practical information on seed potatoes produced in the abovementioned countries should therefore be obtained by growing and checking samples of such seed in comparative Community tests;

Article 1

It is hereby declared that, where the special conditions laid down in the Annex to this Decision are satisfied, seed potatoes harvested in the countries and officially controlled by the authorities listed in the Annex to this Decision and belonging to the categories specified therein are equivalent to seed potatoes of corresponding categories harvested within the Community and complying with the Council Directive of 14 June 1966 on the marketing of seed potatoes.

Article 2

This Decision shall apply from 1 September 1972 to 30 June 1975.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 20 July 1972.

For the Council

The President

T. WESTERTERP

¹ OJ No 125, 11.7.1966, p. 2320/66.

² OJ No L 87, 17.4.1971, p. 24.

ANNEX

Order No	Country	Service	Categories		Special conditions
			in the Country concerned	in the Community	
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Austria	— Burgenländische Landwirtschaftskammer Eisenstadt	{ Elite	Basic seed potatoes	1, 2, 3, 4
		— Landwirtschaftskammer für Kärnten, Klagenfurt			
		— Niederösterreichische Landes-Landwirtschaftskammer, Wien	{ Original	Certified seed potatoes	1, 2, 4, 4
		— Landwirtschaftskammer für Oberösterreich, Linz/O.Ö.			
		— Landeskammer für Land- und Forstwirtschaft Steiermark, Graz	{ — Klasse A		
		— Landeskammer für Tirol, Innsbruck			
		— Kammer für Land- und Forstwirtschaft in Salzburg, Salzburg	{ — Klasse B		
		— Landwirtschaftskammer für Vorarlberg Bregenz			
		— Wiener Landwirtschaftskammer, Wien			
2	Switzerland	— Station fédérale de recherches agronomiques, Lausanne	{ Plants certifiés	Certified seed potatoes	1, 2, 3, 4
		— Eidgenössische Landwirtschaftliche Forschungsanstalt, Zürich-Rechenholz			
			{ — Classe A		
			{ — Classe B		

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. Seed potatoes shall be officially certified and their containers officially sealed and marked in accordance with national provisions. Seed potatoes shall meet the requirements of Community rules and conform to the European standard for seed potatoes recommended by the Working Party on Standardization of Perishable Foodstuffs of the Economic Commission for Europe.
2. Field inspection shall be carried out by State authorities or by any legal person whether governed by public or by private law, acting under the responsibility of such authorities, provided that such person derives no private gain from the result of the inspection.
3. Any chemical treatment of the seed potatoes shall be noted either on the official label or on a special label and on the container or inside it.
4. The colour of the label shall be:
 - white for basic seed potatoes;
 - blue for certified seed potatoes.

All information shall be given in at least one of the official languages of the European Communities or in English.