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## COMMISSION

## COMMISSION DECISION

of 6 February 1973

authorizing the Kingdom of the Netherlands, up to and including 30 June 1973, to accept for marketing certified oil-poppy seed satisfying less stringent requirements

(Only the Dutch text is authentic)

(73/21/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community ;

Having regard to the Council Directive of 30 June 1969 <sup>(1)</sup> on the marketing of seed of oil and fibre plants, as last amended by the Council Directive of 6 December 1972 <sup>(2)</sup>, and in particular Article 16 thereof ;

Having regard to the request made by the Kingdom of the Netherlands ;

Whereas the yield of the 1972 oil-poppy harvest in the Kingdom of the Netherlands was diminished considerably by unfavourable atmospheric conditions, so that a large proportion of the seed submitted for certification does not reach the minimum germination rate ;

Whereas certified oil-poppy seed imported from other Member States which meet the conditions laid down regarding germination is not sufficient to meet current demand ;

Whereas the Kingdom of the Netherlands should therefore be authorized, up to and including 30 June 1973, to accept for marketing certified oil-poppy seed satisfying less stringent requirements as regards germination ;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the Opinion of the Standing Committee on Seeds and Propagating Material for Agriculture, Horticulture and Forestry ;

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION :

*Article 1*

The Kingdom of the Netherlands is authorized to accept for marketing on its territory, up to and including 30 June 1973, not more than 50 metric tons of oil-poppy seed (*Papaver somniferum* L.) of the 'Certified seed' category which does not meet the conditions set out in Annex III to the Council Directive of 30 June 1969 regarding minimum germination, as long as the following requirements are fulfilled :

- (a) The germination shall be at least 70 % of pure seed ;
- (b) The official label shall indicate that the germination of the seed is reduced : germination 70 %.

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

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ No L 287, 26. 12. 1972, p. 22.

*Article 2*

The Kingdom of the Netherlands shall communicate to the Commission before 1 November 1973 the quantities of oil-poppy seed satisfying less stringent requirements which are marketed in its territory pursuant to this Decision. The Commission shall inform the other Member States.

*Article 3*

This Decision is addressed to the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

Done at Brussels, 6 February 1973.

*For the Commission*

*The President*

François-Xavier ORTOLI

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