

## COMMISSION DECISION

of 18 May 1976

authorizing the French Republic to permit temporarily the marketing of certified seed of red clover of a variety not admitted in the Community

(Only the French text is authentic)

(76/508/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN  
COMMUNITIES,Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European  
Economic Community,Having regard to Council Directive 66/104/EEC of 14  
June 1966 on the marketing of fodder plant seed<sup>(1)</sup>,  
as last amended by Council Directive 75/444/EEC of  
26 June 1975<sup>(2)</sup>, and in particular Article 17 thereof,Having regard to the request made by the French  
Republic,Whereas the production of seeds of certified seed cate-  
gory of red clover (*Trifolium pratense* L.) was insuffi-  
cient in 1975 and therefore will not be adequate to  
supply French requirements;Whereas it has not been possible to cover this  
demand by certified seed from other Member States or  
even from third countries of varieties included in the  
'common catalogue of varieties of agricultural plant  
species' or included in the French catalogues of varie-  
ties;Whereas the French Republic should therefore be  
authorized to permit, for a period expiring on 30  
September 1976, the marketing of 'certified seed of  
the first generation' belonging to a variety of which  
the seed may not be marketed as such in its territory;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 French Republic is authorized to permit for a  
period expiring on 30 September 1976, the marketing  
in its territory of a maximum of 300 metric tons of  
red clover seed of the category 'certified seed of the  
first generation' belonging to the variety 'Viola'. The  
official label shall bear the endorsement 'intended  
exclusively for marketing in France'.

*Article 2*

The French Republic shall report to the Commission  
before 1 November 1976 the quantity of seed which  
has been marketed in its territory pursuant to this  
Decision. The Commission shall inform the other  
Member States thereof.

*Article 3*

This Decision is addressed to the French Republic.

Done at Brussels, 18 May 1976.

*For the Commission*

P. J. LARDINOIS

*Member of the Commission*

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No 125, 11. 7. 1966, p. 2298/66.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ No L 196, 26. 7. 1975, p. 6.