

## COMMISSION DECISION

of 10 May 1977

authorizing the Italian Republic to permit temporarily the marketing of seed  
not complying with requirements of Council Directive 70/458/EEC

(77/401/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN  
COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European  
Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 70/458/EEC of 29  
September 1970 on the marketing of vegetable seed  
(<sup>(1)</sup>), as last amended by Council Directive 76/307/EEC  
of 15 March 1976 (<sup>(2)</sup>), and in particular Article 33  
thereof,

Having regard to the request made by the Italian  
Republic,

Whereas in Italy the production of carrot seed  
complying with requirements of the said Directive,  
has been insufficient in 1976 and is not adequate to  
supply the needs of that country;

Whereas it has not been possible to cover these needs  
satisfactorily by such seed from other Member States  
or even from third countries;

Whereas the Italian Republic should therefore be auth-  
orized to permit, for a period expiring on 31 July  
1977, the marketing of seed of the abovementioned  
species of a category subject to less stringent require-  
ments;

Whereas it appears also desirable to authorize other  
Member States which are able to supply the Italian  
Republic with this seed not complying with require-  
ments of the Directive to permit the marketing of  
such seed provided that it is intended exclusively for  
Italy;

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 Italian Republic is authorized to permit for a  
period expiring on 31 July 1977 the marketing on its

territory of a maximum of 23.6 tonnes of carrot seed  
(*Daucus carota* L. ssp. *sativus* (Hoffm.) Hayck) of the  
category 'standard seed' subject to less stringent  
requirements with regard to minimum germination  
capacity laid down in Annex II to Directive  
70/458/EEC, provided that the following require-  
ments are satisfied:

- (a) the germination capacity is at least 55 % of pure  
seed;
- (b) the official label shall bear the following endorse-  
ments:
  - 'minimum germination capacity 55 %',
  - 'intended exclusively for Italy'.

*Article 2*

The other Member States are authorized to permit,  
subject to the conditions laid down in Article 1, the  
marketing in their territories of a maximum of 23.6  
tonnes of carrot seed provided that such seed is  
intended exclusively for Italy. The official label shall  
state: 'intended exclusively for Italy'.

*Article 3*

The Member States shall notify the Commission  
before 1 November 1977 of the quantities of seed  
marketed in their territories pursuant to this Decision.  
The Commission shall inform the other Member  
States thereof.

*Article 4*

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 10 May 1977.

*For the Commission*

Finn GUNDELACH

*Vice-President*

(<sup>(1)</sup>) OJ No L 225, 12. 10. 1970, p. 6.

(<sup>(2)</sup>) OJ No L 72, 18. 3. 1976, p. 16.