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COMMISSION

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of 29 March 1976

amending the Annexes to Council Directive 66/400/EEC of 14 June 1966 on the marketing of beet seed

(76/331/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard for the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 66/400/EEC of 14 June 1966 on the marketing of beet seed [1], as last amended by Council Directive 75/444/EEC [2], and in particular Article 21a thereof,

Whereas in the light of developments in scientific and technical knowledge Annex I to the said Directive should be amended for the reasons set out below;

Whereas the monogerm varieties of beets, which are being used more and more frequently, show a tendency to hybridization;

Whereas, in order to avoid any risks which could result from this, the minimum distance between neighbouring cultures shall be extended in certain specified cases;

Whereas, improvements in the quality of sugar-beet seeds allows the minimum requirements in respect of the germination capacity and monogermity to be raised;

Whereas certain provisions shall be adapted to the conditions for official examination of seeds carried out according to current international methods;

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE:

Article 1

In Part A (5) of Annex I, the text of the table is hereby replaced by the following:

(1) OJ No 125, 11. 7. 1966, p. 2290/66.
(2) OJ No L 196, 26. 7. 1975, p. 6.