COMMISSION DIRECTIVE

of 25 July 1975

limiting the marketing of seed of smooth-stalk meadowgrass (*Poa pratensis* L.) to seed which has been officially certified 'basic seed' or 'certified seed'

(75/502/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community;

Having regard to the Council Directive of 14 June 1966 [1] on the marketing of fodder plant seed, as last amended by the Council Directive of 11 December 1973 [2], in particular Article 3 (3) thereof;

Whereas the abovementioned Directive permits the marketing of basic, certified and commercial seed of smooth-stalk meadowgrass (*Poa pratensis* L.);

Whereas Article 3 (3) of the Directive authorizes the Commission to prohibit the marketing of fodder plant seed unless it has been officially certified as 'basic seed' or 'certified seed';

Whereas the Member States now produce sufficient amounts of basic and certified seed to satisfy the demand for seed of smooth-stalk meadowgrass inside the Community;

Whereas it is consequently appropriate to admit no longer the marketing of smooth-stalk meadowgrass after the stocks resulting from current production conditions have been used up;

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

The Member States provide that from 1 July 1976 it is no longer permitted to market seed of smooth-stalk meadowgrass (*Poa pratensis* L.) unless it has been officially certified as 'basic seed' or 'certified seed'.

Article 2

The Member States shall, not later than 1 July 1976, bring into force the laws, regulations or administrative provisions necessary to comply with this Directive. They shall forthwith inform the Commission thereof.

Article 3

This Directive is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 25 July 1975.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

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(1) OJ No 125, 11. 7. 1966, p. 2298/66.
(2) OJ No L 356, 27. 12. 1973, p. 79.