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COUNCIL DIRECTIVE

of 18 February 1969

amending the Council Directive of 14 June 1966 on the marketing of seed potatoes

(69/62/EEC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Articles 43 and 100 thereof;

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission;

Having regard to the Opinion of the European Parliament[1];

Having regard to the Opinion of the Economic and Social Committee;

Whereas certain provisions of the Council Directive of 14 June 1966[2] on the marketing of seed potatoes should be amended;

Whereas it is appropriate to amplify the provisional measures and to authorise the use of seed potatoes of stages prior to basic seed potatoes;

Whereas in respect of seed potatoes satisfying less stringent requirements, one particular given on the label and the colour of the label should be altered;

HAS ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE:

Article 1

The Council Directive of 14 June 1966 on the marketing of seed potatoes shall be amended as prescribed in the following Articles.

Articles 2

1. Article 2 be renumbered Article 2 (1).

2. The following shall be substituted for Article 2 (1) (B) (a):

'(a) which is of direct descent from basic seed or, if the breeder so requests, from seed of a generation prior to basic seed which can satisfy and has been found by official examination to satisfy the conditions laid down in Annexes I and II for basic seed;'

3. The following paragraph 2 shall be added to Article 2:

'2. Member States may:

(a) during a transitional period of not more than two years after the entry into force of the laws, regulations or administrative provisions necessary to comply with this Directive, and by way of derogation from paragraph 1 (B), certify as certified seed potatoes, seed potatoes which are of direct descent from seed potatoes officially controlled in a Member State under the scheme in operation at that time and which afford the same assurances as seed potatoes certified as "basic seed potatoes" or "certified seed potatoes" in accordance with the principles of this Directive;

(b) provide until 30 June 1972 that official examinations to check compliance with the conditions laid down in Annex II not be carried out on all lots during certification unless there is doubt whether those conditions have been satisfied. At least 20% of all lots must, however, be examined.'

[1] OJ No C 108, 19.10.1968, p. 30.
[2] OJ No 125, 11.7.1966, p. 2320/66.