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COUNCIL DIRECTIVE

of 18 February 1969

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

(69/61/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 beet seed should be amended;

Whereas the Directive should be adapted to the latest recommendations of the International Institute for Sugar Beet Research and to the scheme for sugar beet and fodder beet seed adopted by the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development;

Whereas it is appropriate, furthermore, to amplify the provisional measures;

Whereas, in respect of seed satisfying less stringent requirements, certain requirements as regards marking should be reduced 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 beet seed shall be amended as prescribed in the following Articles.

Article 2

All references in the Directive, including its preamble, to type and to a list of types, and to identity and purity of type, shall be deleted.

Article 3

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

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

'E. Precision seed: seed designed for use in precision drills which, as required under Annex I (B) (3) (b) (bb), gives single seedlings.'

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

'2. Member States may, during a transitional period of not more than four 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 (C), certify as certified seed, seed which is of direct descent from seed officially controlled in a Member State under the scheme in operation at that time and which affords the same assurances as basic seed certified in accordance with the principles of this Directive.'

Article 4

Article 8 shall be deleted.

Article 5

In Article 9 the word 'lots' shall be substituted for the word 'consignments'.

[1] OJ No C 108, 19.10.1968, p. 30.
[2] OJ No 125, 11.7.1966, p. 2290/66.