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COUNCIL DIRECTIVE

of 18 February 1969

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

(69/60/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 cereal seed should be amended;

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

Whereas it is necessary to include a new species of cereal in the Directive and to fix minimum requirements for it;

Whereas, if certain species of seed are not normally reproduced or marketed in the territory of a Member State, provision should be made for release of that State, under the procedure of the Standing Committee on Seeds and Propagating Material for Agriculture, Horticulture and Forestry, from the obligation to apply that Directive in respect of the species in question;

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 cereal seed shall be amended as prescribed in the following Articles.

Article 2

1. In Article 2 (1) (A) the words *'Phalaris canariensis* L. Canary grass' shall be added after the words '*Oryza sativa* L. Rice'.

2. A comma and the words 'canary grass' shall be added after the words 'spelt, rye' in Article 2 (1) (C) and after the words 'rye, maize' in Article 2 (1) (E).

3. The following shall be substituted for Article 2 (1) (e) (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;'

4. The following shall be substituted for Article 2 (1) (F) (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 has been found by official examination to satisfy the conditions laid down in Annexes I and II for basic seed;'

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

'(a) which is of direct descent from basic seed, from certified seed of the first generation or, if the breeder so requests, from seed of a

[1] OJ No C 108, 19.10.1968, p. 30.
[2] OJ No 125, 11.7.1966, p. 2309/66.