

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Proposal for a
COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)
amending Regulation (EEC) No 1674/72 laying down general
rules for granting and financing aid for seed

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. By virtue of the rules on the common organization of the market in seeds, when production aid is granted, the only products which can qualify are those which are officially certified and which comply with the definitions laid down by the Directives concerning marketing and with the standards and conditions fixed in those Directives.
2. The provisions of the Act of Accession of Greece concerning legislation in respect of seeds and seedlings grant the Hellenic Republic a period of 5 years, expiring on 31 December 1985, to comply with the Community provisions for admission of varieties and marketing of seeds and seedlings. During that period, Greece is authorised to apply its own rules for admission of varieties, certification and control on production, but cannot export products other than those which comply with the Community rules to the other Member States.

However, where the necessary conditions are fulfilled a decision may be taken in accordance with the procedure of the Standing Committee on Agricultural, Horticultural and Forestry Seeds and Seedlings to free trade in certain species between Greece and the other Member States before 31 December 1985.

3. As the seeds for which such a decision is taken fulfil the conditions fixed in the provisions applicable to Community production, it is proposed that they qualify for the Community aid for production of seeds during the period 1 January 1981 to 31 December 1985 and, accordingly, that Article 1 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 1674/72 of 2 August 1972 laying down general rules for granting and financing aid for seed be amended.

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2358/71 of 26 October 1971 on
the common organisation of the market in seeds¹, as last amended by the
Act of Accession of Greece, and in particular Article 3(4) thereof,

Having regard to the Proposal from the Commission,

Whereas Council Regulation (EEC) No 1674/72², as last amended by Regulation
(EEC) No 1969/80³, lays down that aid may be granted only for seed which
is officially certified and which satisfies the definitions laid down by
the Directives concerning their marketing, and the standards and conditions
laid down in the said Directives;

Whereas Article 113(1) of the Act of Accession of Greece provides that,
until 31 December 1985, that Member State may apply its own rules on the cer-
tification and control of production of seeds; whereas Article 113(2)(c)
provides that Greece shall export to the territory of the Member States
only seeds which comply with Community provisions; whereas Article 113(3)
makes provision for a decision on the progressive liberalization of trade
in seeds of certain species between Greece and the other Member States;

¹ OJ No L 246, 5.11.1971, p. 1

² OJ No L 177, 4. 8.1972, p. 1

³ OJ No L 192, 26.7.1980, p. 4

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Whereas the seeds in respect of which such a decision will be taken fulfil the conditions laid down in the provisions applicable to Community production; whereas Community aid should therefore be granted to seeds obtained in Greece which are certified and in respect of which a decision is taken for the liberalisation of trade between that Member State and the other Member States;

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Article 1 of Regulation (EEC) No 1674/72 is hereby replaced by the following:

"Article 1

1. If aid is fixed pursuant to Article 3 of Regulation (EEC) No 2358/71, it shall be granted, subject to the conditions set out in the following Articles, for production of basic and certified seeds:
 - as defined in Council Directive 66/401/EEC of 14 June 1966 on the marketing of fodder plant seed³, by Council Directive 66/402/EEC of 14 June 1966 on the marketing of cereal seed⁴ and by Council Directive 69/208/EEC of 30 June 1969 on the marketing of seed of oil and fibre plants⁵, as last amended respectively by ⁶
⁷ ⁸,
 - complying with the standards and conditions laid down within those Directives, and
 - officially certified.
2. From 1 January 1981 to 31 December 1985, aid shall also be granted for for basic and certified seed produced in Greece and in respect of which a decision is taken pursuant to Article 113(3) of the Act of Accession of Greece.

³ OJ No 125, 11.7.1966, p. 2298/66

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⁴ OJ No 125, 11.7.1966, p. 2309/66

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⁵ OJ No L 169, 10.7.1969, p. 3

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Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day of its publication in the Official Journal of the European Communities.

It shall apply with effect from 1 January 1981.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at

For the Council

