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Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION

amending the seventh Decision, 85/355/EEC, on the equivalence of field inspections carried out in third countries on seed-producing crops and the seventh Decision, 85/356/EEC, on the equivalence of seed produced in third countries

(presented by the Commission)

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

By Decision 85/355/EEC the Council determined that field inspections carried out in certain third countries on seed-producing crops of certain species satisfy the conditions laid down in the Community legislation on the marketing of seed; by Decision 85/356/EEC the Council determined that seed of certain species produced in certain third countries is equivalent to corresponding seed produced in the Community. In relation to most of the third countries involved, these Decisions expire on the 30 June 1990.

However, in the case of Australia and Norway, additional detailed information was awaited and the equivalence granted by the two Decisions was limited to a period considered necessary for this to be supplied and assessed. This period will now expire on the 30th June 1989.

In the case of Australia, the supply and assessment of this information is progressing, but further time is needed for its completion; in the case of Norway, the information awaited has been supplied, and its assessment is, for the present, completed. It is therefore considered appropriate, in the case of both countries, to extend the equivalence granted until 30 June 1990, the date on which Decisions 85/355/EEC and 85/356/EEC expire in relation to the other third countries covered thereby. That would be the effect of the present proposal.

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 66/401/EEC of 14 June 1966 on the marketing of fodder plant seed (1), as last amended by Commission Directive 89/100/EEC (2), and in particular Article 16(1)(a) and (b) thereof,

Having regard to Council Directive 69/208/EEC of 30 June 1969 on the marketing of seed of oil and fibre plants (3), as last amended by Directive 88/380/EEC (4), and in particular Article 15(1)(a) and (b) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas, in its seventh Decision, 85/355/EEC (5), as last amended by Decision 89/368/EEC (6), the Council determined that field inspections carried out in certain third countries on seed-producing crops of certain species satisfy the conditions laid down in Directives 66/401/EEC and 69/208/EEC;

Whereas, in its seventh Decision, 85/356/EEC (7), as last amended by Decision 89/368/EEC, the Council determined that seed of certain species produced in certain third countries is equivalent to corresponding seed harvested in the Community;

(1) OJ No 125, 11.7.1966, p. 2298/66.

(2) OJ No L 38, 10.2.1989, p. 36.

(3) OJ No L 169, 10.7.1969, p. 3.

(4) OJ No L 187, 16.7.1988, p. 31.

(5) OJ No L 195, 26.7.1985, p. 1.

(6) OJ No L 163, 14.6.1989, p.

(7) OJ No L 195, 26.7.1985, p. 20.

Whereas, in respect of most third countries, Decisions 85/355/EEC and 85/356/EEC expire on 30 June 1990;

Whereas, however, in the case of Australia and Norway, further detailed information was awaited and the equivalence granted in respect of those countries was limited to a period thought necessary for this to be supplied and assessed; whereas that period expires on 30 June 1989;

Whereas, in the case of Australia, the supply and assessment of this information is progressing, but further time is needed for its completion; whereas, in the case of Norway, the information awaited has been supplied and its assessment is, for the present, completed;

Whereas it is therefore appropriate, in the case of both countries, to extend the equivalence granted until the date on which Decisions 85/355/EEC and 85/356/EEC expire in respect of most third countries,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION :

Article 1

Article 3 of Decision 85/355/EEC is replaced by the following :

"Article 3

This Decision shall apply from 1 July 1985 to 30 June 1990."

Article 2

Article 5 of Decision 85/356/EEC is replaced by the following :

"Article 5

This Decision shall apply from 1 July 1985 to 30 June 1990."

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at

For the Council

Statement of Impact on small or medium-sized enterprises

Commission Proposal for a Council Decision amending the Seventh Decision, 85/355/EEC, on the equivalence of field inspections carried out in third countries on seed-producing crops and the Seventh Decision, 85/356/EEC, on the equivalence of seed produced in third countries (doc. 2812/VI/89).

This proposal, if adopted, would enable any small or medium-sized enterprises engaged in importing seed of certain agricultural plant species from Australia or Norway to continue to do so, but the volume of trade involved is likely to be very small. It is considered that the proposal would have little or no impact on small or medium-sized businesses.

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