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REGULATION (EEC) No 537/70 OF THE COMMISSION

of 23 March 1970

authorising Member States to take measures derogating from certain requirements of the quality standards applicable to exports to third countries of flowering bulbs, corms and tubers

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community;

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 234/68[1] of 27 February 1968 on the establishment of a common organisation of the market in live trees and other plants, bulbs, roots and the like, cut flowers and ornamental foliage;

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 315/68[2] of 12 March 1968 fixing quality standards for flowering bulbs, corms and tubers, as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 448/69[3] and in particular Article 2 (2) thereof;

Whereas under Article 2 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 315/68, Member States may be authorised to take measures derogating from certain requirements of the quality standards in order to allow exporters to meet the trade requirements of certain third countries;

Whereas the quality standards established by Regulation (EEC) No 315/68 do not in certain cases allow the trade requirements of third countries to be met; whereas, when such trade requirements are stable and unchanging, Member States should be authorised to meet them for an unlimited period;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the Opinion of the Management Committee for Live Plants;

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. Member States shall be authorised to take certain measures derogating from the quality standards applicable to exports to third countries of the following flowering bulbs, corms and tubers:

Freesia Ragioneri

Freesia Refracta Alba

Freesia Buttercup

Gladioli, with large blooms

Gladioli primulinus

Gladioli Heraut

Gladioli Papillon

Iris 'Wedgwood'

Iris reticulata

Tulipa

Tulipa 'Cordell Hull'

Tulipa 'American Flag'

Tulipa 'Montgomery'.

2. The measures of derogation mentioned in paragraph 1 may only be taken in respect of sizing and under the conditions and within the limits specified in the Annex.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 June 1970.

[1] OJ No L 55, 2.3.1968, p. 1.
[2] OJ No L 71, 21.3.1969, p. 1.
[3] OJ No L 61, 12.3.1969, p. 1.

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

Done at Brussels, 23 March 1970.

For the Commission

The President

Jean REY

ANNEX

Conditions and limits provided for in Article 1 (2)

Description of products	Type of pack	Third country of destination	Minimum size	Size Grading
Freesia Ragioneri Freesia Refracta Alba Freesia Buttercup	any packing, except single packing parcels grouping single packings	all countries	none	up to 4
Gladioli, with large blooms	single packing or parcels grouping single packings	all countries	6 cm	6 to 8
Gladioli primulinus Gladioli Heraut				6 to 7
Gladioli, with large blooms	any packing, except single packing or parcels grouping single packings	all countries	none	up to 8
Gladioli primulinus Gladioli Heraut				up to 7
Gladioli Papillon	any packing	all countries	none	
Iris 'Wedgwood'	any packing	Southern Hemisphere	7 cm	7 to 8
Iris reticulata	any packing	all countries	4·5 cm	4·5 to 5
Tulipa Tulipa 'Cordell Hull' Tulipa 'American Flag' Tulipa 'Montgomery'	any packing	all countries	Screen 10	10 to 11