COMMISSION DECISION

of 17 September 1974

authorizing the Italian Republic for a limited period to approve for marketing in Sicily standard vine propagation material satisfying less stringent requirements

(Only the Italian text is authentic)

(74/492/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community;

Having regard to the Council Directive of 9 April 1968 [1] on the marketing of material for the vegetative propagation of the vine as last amended by the Act of Accession [2] and by the Council Decision of 1 January 1973 [3] adjusting the documents concerning the accession of the new Member States to the European Communities, and in particular Article 14 thereof;

Having regard to the request submitted by the Italian Republic;

Whereas the bringing into force by the Member States of the laws, regulations or administrative provisions necessary to comply with the abovementioned Directive implies essential modifications both on the economic and structural level; whereas it is not possible to produce throughout the Community sufficient basic material, and in particular stock nurseries which guarantee in a satisfactory manner the supply of material for the vegetative propagation of the vine;

Whereas the region particularly affected by this situation is Sicily whose needs for standard propagation material of certain varieties suitable for grafting are very great;

Whereas it is very difficult to comply with the minimum lengths laid down for rooted cuttings;

Whereas it is impossible at the present time to cover Sicily's total needs out of material from other regions of Italy or from other Member States;

Whereas the Commission has, on 7 July 1972 [4], already therefore authorized the Italian Republic, for a period expiring on 31 May 1974, to approve for marketing in Sicily standard vine propagation material satisfying less stingent requirements;

Whereas the information collected in the course of the more detailed examination provided for in the aforesaid Decision justifies the extension of this authorization for at least a year in respect of rooted cuttings;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the Opinion of the Standing Committee on Seeds and Propagating Material for Agriculture, Horticulture and Forestry,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The Italian Republic is authorized, on the terms set out hereunder, to approve for marketing in Sicily rooted cuttings of the category 'standard material' notwithstanding that they do not satisfy the conditions as to length laid down in part III of Annex II to the Council Directive of 9 April 1968:

Year of approval	Total number	Variety	Final date of approval
1974/75	18 220 000	140 Ruggeri	1 June 1975
1974/75	4 100 000	1 103 Paulsen	1 June 1975
1974/75	1 100 000	779 Paulsen	1 June 1975
1974/75	700 000	775 Paulsen	1 June 1975
1974/75	500 000	17/37	1 June 1975

[1] OJ No L 93, 17. 4. 1968, p. 15.
[2] OJ No L 73, 27. 3. 1972, p. 14.
[3] OJ No L 2, 1. 1. 1973, p. 1.
[4] OJ No L 166, 24. 7. 1972, p. 24.

Such cuttings shall be at least 15 cm long. If the length is less than 30 cm, it shall be indicated on the lable required under Article 10 of the Directive of 9 April 1968.

Article 2

Until 31 December 1975 the Italian Republic shall each year before 31 December communicate to the Commission the quantities of propagation material satisfying less stringent requirements which were approved for marketing in Sicily under this Decision during the preceding year. The Commission shall inform the other Member States thereof.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Italian Republic.

Done at Brussels, 17 September 1974.

For the Commission

The President

François-Xavier ORTOLI