COMMISSION DECISION

of 18 January 1974

authorizing the Federal Republic of Germany to permit, up to 31 May 1974, the marketing of certified tall oatgrass seed satisfying less stringent requirements

(Only the German text is authentic)

(74/76/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community;

Having regard to the Council Directive (1) of 14 June 1966 on the marketing of fodder plant seed, as amended by the Council Directive (2) of 6 December 1972, and in particular Article 17 thereof;

Having regard to the request from the Federal Republic of Germany;

Whereas the Federal Republic of Germany produces insufficient quantities of *Arrhenatherum elatius* (L) *J and C Presl.* seed of the category 'certified seed' satisfying the requirements as to minimum germination;

Whereas needs cannot be adequately met by importing certified tall oatgrass seed satisfying all the requirements necessary for certification from other Member States;

Whereas the Federal Republic of Germany should therefore be authorized to permit, up to and including 31 May 1974, the marketing of certified tall oatgrass seed satisfying less stringent requirements;

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 Federal Republic of Germany is authorized to permit the marketing in its territory, up to and including 31 May 1974, of 325 metric tons of tall oatgrass *(Arrhenatherum elatius)* seed of the category 'certified seed' harvested in 1973 which does not satisfy the requirements set out in Annex II to the Council Directive of 14 June 1966 as to minimum germination, provided the following requirements are satisfied:

(a) germination must be at least 75 % of pure seed;

(b) the official label must state that the germination properties of the seed are reduced: minimum germination — 75 %.

Article 2

The Federal Republic of Germany shall notify the Commission by 1 November 1974 of the quantity of certified tall oatgrass seed marketed in its territory pursuant to this Decision. The Commission shall inform the other Member States.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Federal Republic of Germany.

Done at Brussels, 18 January 1974.

For the Commission
The President
François-Xavier ORTOLI

(1) OJ No 125, 11. 7. 1966, p. 2298/66.
(2) OJ No L 287, 26. 12. 1972, p. 22.