

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Proposal for a
Fourth Council Decision of on the equivalence of
seed potatoes produced in non-member countries

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

By decisions 72/294/EEC, 75/370/EEC and 78/691/EEC, the Council has declared that seed potatoes harvested and officially controlled in Austria, Switzerland and Poland afford the same assurances as seed potatoes harvested and controlled within the Community.

The validity of this equivalence expiring on 30 June 1981, such equivalence should be retained for a further three years since the conditions on which the Community findings were based at the outset are still fulfilled.

This decision shall apply from 1 July 1981 to 30 June 1984.

FOURTH COUNCIL DECISION

on the equivalence of seed potatoes produced in non-member countries

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 66/403/EEC of 14 June 1966 on the marketing of seed potatoes (1), as last amended by Directive 80/52/EEC (2), and in particular Article 15 (1) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas, by Decisions 72/294/EEC (3) and 75/370/EEC (4) and 78/691/EEC (5), the Council has declared that seed potatoes harvested and officially controlled in Austria, Switzerland and Poland afford the same assurances as seed potatoes harvested and controlled within the Community ;

Whereas the validity of this equivalence expires on 30 June 1981 ; whereas, however, such equivalence should be retained for a further three years since the conditions on which the Community findings were based at the outset are still fulfilled ;

Whereas this Decision does not prevent Community findings from being revoked or the period of their validity from not being extended if it becomes apparent that the conditions on which such findings are based are not or are no longer fulfilled ;

Whereas, therefore, further practical information on seed potatoes produced in the abovementioned countries should be obtained by growing and checking samples of such seed within the framework of comparative Community tests ;

Whereas this Decision does not affect requirements which Member States establish under Council Directive 77/93/EEC of 21 December 1976 on protective measures against the introduction into the Member States of organisms harmful to plants or plant products (6), as last amended by Directive 81/7/EEC (7),

(1) O.J. N° 125, 11/7/1966, p. 2320/66

(2) O.J. N° L 18, 24/1/1980, p. 29

(3) O.J. N° L 186, 16/8/1972, p. 43

(4) O.J. N° L 164, 27/6/1975, p. 43

(5) O.J. N° L 236, 25/7/1978, p. 10

(6) O.J. N° L 26, 31/1/1977, p. 20

(7) O.J. N° L 14, 16/1/1981, p. 23

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION :

Article 1

It is hereby declared that, where the conditions laid down in the Annex Part II, hereto are satisfied, seed potatoes which are harvested in the countries specified in the Annex Part I hereto and officially controlled by the authorities listed therein and which belong to the categories specified therein are equivalent to seed potatoes of corresponding categories harvested within the Community and comply with Directive 66/403/EEC.

Article 2

This Decision shall apply from 1 July 1981 to 30 June 1984.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels,

For the Council

PART I - TABLE

Country	Service	Categories	
		In the country concerned	In the Community
1	2	3	4
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Burgenländische Landwirtschaftskammer, Eisenstadt - Landwirtschaftskammer für Kärnten, Klagenfurt - Niederösterreichische Landes-Landwirtschaftskammer, Wien - Landwirtschaftskammer für Oberösterreich, Linz/O.O. - Landeskammer für Land- und Forstwirtschaft Steiermarkt Graz - Landeskammer für Tirol, Innsbruck - Kammer für Land- und Forstwirtschaft in Salzburg, Salzburg - Landwirtschaftskammer für Vorarlberg, Bregenz - Wiener Landwirtschaftskammer, Wien <p>Inspekcja Nasienna, Okregowy Inspektorat</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bialystok - Bydgoszcz - Gdansk - Katowice - Kielce - Koszalin - Krakow - Lublin - Lodz - Olsztyn - Opole - Poznan - Rzeszow - Szczecin - Warszawa - Wroclaw - Zielona Gora 	<p>Elite</p> <p>Original</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Klasse A - Klasse B <p>Super Elite</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Elite <p>Original</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Classe A - Classe B 	<p>Basic seed potatoes</p> <p>Certified seed potatoes</p> <p>Basic seed potatoes</p> <p>Certified seed potatoes</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Station fédérale de recherches agronomiques, Nyon - Eidgenössische Landwirtschaftliche Forschungsanstalt, Zürich	<p>Plants certifiés</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Classe A- Classe B <p>Anerkanntes Pflanzgut</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Klasse A- Klasse B	<p>Certified seed potatoes</p>

PART II

Conditions

1. Seed potatoes shall be officially certified and their containers officially marked and sealed in accordance with the European standard for seed potatoes recommended by the Working Party on Standardization of Perishable Foodstuffs of the Economic Commission for Europe.
2. Field inspection shall be carried out by the services of country producer or by any legal person whether governed by public or by private law of that country, acting under the responsibility of such services, provided that such person derives no private gain from the result of the inspection.
3. All particulars shall be provided in at least one of the official languages of the European Communities.
4. The colour of the label shall be:
 - white for basic seed potatoes,
 - blue for certified seed potatoes.