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SEEDS

Seeds, Common Organisation of the Market
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BASIC REGULATION

- Council Reg. (EEC) No. 2358/71 of 26 October 1971 on the common organisation of the market in seeds.
- Will be replaced by Council Regulation (EC) No 1947/2005 of 23 November 2005



BASIC REGULATION

Description of goods covered by the seeds COM:

- CERES rice for sowing, spelt for sowing
- OILSEEDS hemp, linseed for sowing
- GRASSES cocksfoot, tall fescue, sheep's fescue, red fescue, Italian ryegrass, perennial ryegrass, timothy and other seeds for sowing
- LEGUMES red clover, white clover, lucerne, common vetch and other seeds for sowing



Aid distribution

- An aid is granted to the producer for the production of basic seed or certified seed.
- The amount of aid is fixed in EUR per 100 kg of seed produced.
- A growing contract or declaration must be registered.



Aid distribution

- The basic seed and certified seed are defined in Council Directives 66/401/EEC and 66/402/EEC.
- The aid is granted to seeds which meet the standards and conditions laid down by those directives and which are officially certified. They must be marketed for sowing by the date the aid application is submitted.



Aid distribution

- Member States shall pay the aid to the producer before 30 June of the year following that of harvest.
- Member State is responsible for administrative checks to prevent aid being paid twice for the same calendar year as well as for document checks to verify at least first destination of seed on which aid has been granted.



Trade

- Tariff duties vary, are 0% for most species but may go up for example to 7,7% for rice in the husk for sowing or to 12,8% for spelt for sowing.



2003 REFORM

- In general full decoupling, however,
- it is possible to maintain coupling per species.
- Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003, Articles 70, 99, Annex VII, F and Annex XI
- Regulation (EC) No 1973/2004, Chapter 10, Articles 46 to 50