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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6.

1. Member to Agreement notifying: <u>EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2. Agency responsible: European Commission Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and web-site addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above: European Commission, EC-TBT Enquiry Point, Fax: 0032 2 299 80 43, E-mail: ec-tbt@cec.eu.int
3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [], 5.7.1 [], other:
4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Seed of winter varieties of rye (<i>Secale cereale</i>)
5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Draft Commission Decision providing for the temporary marketing of certain seed of the species <i>Secale cereale</i> not satisfying the requirements of Council Directive 66/402/EEC, (5 pages, in English)
6. Description of content: The Decision authorizes the Member States to permit the marketing seed of winter rye (<i>Secale cereale</i>) subject to less stringent requirements.
7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: In Latvia the quantity of available seed of winter varieties of rye (<i>Secale cereale</i>) suitable to the national climatic conditions and which satisfies the requirements of Directive 66/402/EEC in respect of the presence of the harmful organism <i>Claviceps purpurea</i> is insufficient and therefore not adequate to meet the needs of the Member State. Moreover, it is not possible to meet the demand for seed of that species satisfactorily with seed from other Member States or from third countries, while satisfying all the requirements laid down in Directive 66/402/EEC. Accordingly, Latvia should be authorized to permit the marketing of seed of that species subject to less stringent requirements for a period expiring on 30 November 2004. In addition, other Member States which are in a position to supply Latvia with seed of that species should be authorized to permit the marketing of such seed.

	The urgency of the measure is due to the short time period between the seed certification exercise, when the shortage was identified, and the sowing season.
8.	Relevant documents: doc. SANCO/2913/04rev1
9.	Proposed date of adoption: Proposed date of entry into force: } 15 November 2004
10.	Final date for comments: -
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [] or address, telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and web-site addresses, if available of the other body: European Commission, EC-TBT Enquiry Point, Fax: 0032 2 299 80 43, E-mail: ec-tbt@cec.eu.int