

**Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade**

**NOTIFICATION**

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

<b>1.</b>	<b>Member to Agreement notifying:</b> <u>EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Agency responsible:</b> European Commission <b>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:</b>  European Commission, EC-TBT Enquiry Point, Fax: 0032 2 299 80 43, E-mail: <a href="mailto:ec-tbt@cec.eu.int">ec-tbt@cec.eu.int</a>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [ ], 5.7.1 [ ], other:</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> Seed of soya bean
<b>5.</b>	<b>Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:</b> Draft Commission Decision providing for the temporary marketing of certain seed of the species <i>Glycine max</i> not satisfying the requirements of Council Directive 2002/57/EC, (5 pages, in English)
<b>6.</b>	<b>Description of content:</b> The Decision authorises the Member States to permit the marketing of seed of soya beans subject to less stringent requirements for a limited period
<b>7.</b>	<b>Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:</b> In Italy the quantity of available seed of soya bean ( <i>Glycine max</i> ) suitable to the national climatic conditions and which satisfies the germination capacity requirements of Directive 2002/57/EC is insufficient and is therefore not adequate to meet the needs of that Member State. It is not possible to meet the demand for seed of these species satisfactorily with seed from other Member States or from third countries which satisfies all the requirements laid down in Directive 2002/57/EC. Therefore Member States should be permitted to allow placing on the market of seed of soya beans subject to less stringent requirements for a limited period. The urgency of the measure is due to the short time period between seed certification exercise, when the shortage was identified, and the sowing season.
<b>8.</b>	<b>Relevant documents:</b> doc. SANCO/734/04
<b>9.</b>	<b>Proposed date of adoption:</b> <b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> } 26 March 2004

<b>10.</b>	<b>Final date for comments:</b> 8 days from the date of notification
<b>11.</b>	<b>Texts available from: National enquiry point [ ] or address, telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and web-site addresses, if available of the other body:</b>  European Commission, EC-TBT Enquiry Point,  Fax: 0032 2 299 80 43, E-mail: <a href="mailto:ec-tbt@cec.eu.int">ec-tbt@cec.eu.int</a>