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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): Seeds of field beans
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>Vicia faba</i> L., not satisfying the requirements of Council Directive 66/401/EEC (4 pages, in English)
6.	Description of content: the decision authorises the MS to permit the marketing of seed of field beans subject to less stringent requirements for a limited period
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: In the United Kingdom the quantity of available seed of <i>spring</i> varieties of field beans (<i>Vicia faba</i> L.) suitable to the national climatic conditions and which satisfies the germination capacity requirements of Directive 66/401/EEC 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 that species satisfactorily with seed from other Member States or from third countries which satisfies all the requirements laid down in Directive 66/401/EEC. Therefore MS should be permitted to market seed of field beans subject to less stringent requirements for a limited period. 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 (early to mid January).
8.	Relevant documents: doc. SANCO/5225/03fin
9.	Proposed date of adoption: } Proposed date of entry into force: } 15 January 2004

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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: Commission, EC-TBT Enquiry Point, Fax: 0032 2 299 80 43, E-mail: ec-tbt@cec.eu.int