Marketing of beet seed, fodder plant and cereal seed... Common catalogue of agricultural plant species

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OBJECTIVE: to amend Directives 66/400/EEC, 66/402/EEC, 66/403/EEC, 69/208/EEC, 70/457/EEC and 70/458/EEC on the marketing of beet seed, fodder plant seed, cereal seed, seed potatoes, seed of oil and fibre plants and vegetable seeds and on the common catalogue of varieties of agricultural plant species.
CONTENT: the directives to be amended provide for the organization of temporary experiments at Community level with a view to finding the best solution for replacing certain aspects of the certification systems adopted. The results of one experiment organized by the European Commission in 1989 demonstrated that, in certain cases, official certification procedures could by simplified if examinations were carried out by inspectors other than those instructed to conduct official inspections by the seed certification authority. This proposal therefore amends the directives in question by stipulating that examinations may be carried out officially or under official control. It also widens the scope of the organization of temporary experiments by stipulating that experiments may be conducted with a view to finding the best solution for replacing certain provisions of the directives in question. It introduces a legal basis for these experiments in Directive 66/403/EEC and facilitates the addition of new species to the list of species contained in the directives. It also introduces rules relating to the eligibility of variety denominations in directives 70/457/EEC and 70/458/EEC.