
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the following regulations:

- (a) The Beet Seed (England) Regulations 2002 (S.I. 2002/3171, as amended by S.I. 2004/2385 and S.I. 2005/2671);
- (b) The Cereal Seed (England) Regulations 2002 (S.I. 2002/3173, as amended by S.I. 2004/2386, S.I. 2005/2672 and S.I. 2006/1678);
- (c) The Fodder Plant Seed (England) Regulations 2002 (S.I. 2002/3172, as amended by S.I. 2004/2387, S.I. 2005/2673 and S.I. 2006/1678);
- (d) The Oil and Fibre Seed (England) Regulations 2002 (S.I. 2002/3174, as amended by S.I. 2003/3101, S.I. 2004/2388 and S.I. 2005/2674); and
- (e) The Vegetable Seed (England) Regulations 2002 (S.I. 2002/3175, as amended by S.I. 2004/2389 and S.I. 2005/2675).

They give effect to Commission Decision 2004/842/EC of 1 December 2004 concerning implementing rules whereby Member States may authorise the placing on the market of seed belonging to varieties for which an application for entry in the national catalogue of varieties of agricultural plant species or vegetable species has been submitted (OJ L 362, 9.12.2004, p 21), which sets out the conditions under which beet, cereal, fodder plant, oil and fibre plant and vegetable seed which have not yet been added to a National List may be marketed for test and trial purposes or, in the case of vegetable seed, for purposes of gaining knowledge from practical experience during cultivation.

A Regulatory Impact Assessment and a Transposition Note have been prepared for these Regulations and copies have been placed in the library of each House of Parliament. Copies can be obtained from the Plant Variety Rights Office and Seeds Division of the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, White House Lane, Huntingdon Road, Cambridge, CB3 0LF.