
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Seed Marketing (Wales) Regulations 2012 and the Seed Potatoes (Wales) Regulations 2016.

Regulation 2 implements Commission Implementing Directive (EU) 2016/2109 which amends [Directive 66/401/EEC](#) to reflect the change of the botanical name of the species *Lolium x boucheanum* Kunth (OJ No L 327, 2.12.2016, p. 59). Regulation 2 amends the Seed Marketing (Wales) Regulations 2012 to reflect that change of botanical name.

Regulation 3 implements Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2016/320 (“the Decision”). The Decision amends [Decision 2004/842/EC](#) regarding the rules by which 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 or vegetable species has been submitted (OJ L 60, 5.3.2016, p. 88). The Decision includes the requirement for an officially assigned serial number to be stated on the official label of seed potatoes that are authorised to be marketed for the purposes of tests and trials. Regulation 3 amends the Seed Potatoes (Wales) Regulations 2016 to reflect that requirement.

The Welsh Ministers’ Code of Practice on the carrying out of Regulatory Impact Assessments was considered in relation to these Regulations. As a result, it was not considered necessary to carry out a regulatory impact assessment as to the likely costs and benefits of complying with these Regulations.