

ANNEX IV

Label

A. Required information

- (a) For basic seed and certified seed:
1. [^{F1}[^{F2}EC] rules and standards.
 2. Certification authority and Member State or their initials.]
 - 2a. [^{F3}Officially assigned serial number.]
 3. Reference number of lot.
 - 3a. [^{F4}Month and year of sealing expressed thus: ‘sealed ...’ (month and year),
or
month and year of the last official sampling for the purposes of certification expressed thus: ‘sampled ...’ (month and year).]
 4. Species, [^{F5}indicated at least under its botanical name, which may be given in abridged form and without the authorities’ names, in roman characters].
 5. [^{F5}Variety, indicated at least in roman characters].
 6. Category.
 7. Country of production.
 8. [^{F6}Declared net or gross weight or declared number of [^{X1}seeds].]
 - 8a. [^{F7}Where weight is indicated and granulated pesticides, pelleting substances, or other solid additives are used the nature of the additive and also the approximate ratio between the weight of pure seeds and the total weight.]
 9. [^{F5}In the case of varieties which are hybrids or inbred lines:
 - for basic seed where the hybrid or inbred line to which the seed belongs has been officially accepted under Directive 70/457/EEC:

the name of this component, under which it has been officially accepted, with or without reference to the final variety, accompanied, in the case of hybrids or inbred lines which are intended solely as components for final varieties, by the word ‘component’;
 - for basic seed in other cases:

the name of the component to which the basic seed belongs, which may be given in code form, accompanied by a reference to the final variety, with or without reference to its function (male or female), and accompanied by the word ‘component’;
 - for certified seed:

the name of the variety to which the seed belongs, accompanied by the word ‘hybrid’.]

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10. [^{F8}Where at least germination has been retested, the words ‘retested ... (month and year)’ and the service responsible for such retesting may be indicated. Such information may be given on an official sticker attached to the official label.]

[^{F5}In accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 21, Member States may be released from the requirement to indicate the botanical name in respect of individual species and, where appropriate, for limited periods where it has been established that the disadvantages of its implementation outweigh the advantages expected for the marketing of seed.]

(b) [^{X2}For seed mixtures:]

1. ‘[^{X2}Mixture ...’ (species) [^{F5}or varieties].]
2. Authority responsible for sealing and Member State.
- 2a. [^{F3}Officially assigned serial number.]
3. Reference number of lot.
- 3a. [^{F4}Month and year of sealing expressed thus: ‘sealed ...’ (year and month).]
4. Species, category, variety, country of production and proportion by weight of each of the components; [^{F5}the names of the species and of the varieties shall be indicated at least in roman characters].
5. [^{F6}Declared net or gross weight or declared number of [^{X1}seeds].]
6. [^{F7}Where weight is indicated and granulated pesticides, pelleting substances, or other solid additives are used the nature of the additive and also the approximate ratio between the weight of pure seeds and the total weight.]
7. [^{F8}Where at least germination of all the components of the mixture has been retested, the words ‘retested ... (month and year)’ and the service responsible for such retesting may be indicated. Such information may be given on an official sticker attached to the official label.]
8. [^{F9}‘Marketing permitted exclusively in ...’ (Member State concerned).]

Editorial Information

- X1** Substituted by [Council Directive No 72/418/EEC of 6 December 1972 amending the Directives of 14 June 1966 on the marketing of beet seed, of fodder-plant seed, of cereal seed, of seed potatoes, the Directive of 30 June 1969 on the marketing of seed of oil and fibre plants, and the Directives of 29 September 1970 on the marketing of vegetable seed and on the Common Catalogue of Varieties of Agricultural Plant Species \(Official Journal of the European Communities, No L 287, p. 22\).](#)
- X2** Substituted by [Directive No 66/402/EEC of 14 June 1966 on the marketing of cereal seed \(Official Journal of the European Communities, No 125, p. 2309/66\).](#)

Textual Amendments

- F1** Inserted by [Council Directive of 18 February 1969 amending the Council Directive of 14 June 1966 on the marketing of cereal seed \(69/60/EEC\).](#)

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- F2** Substituted by Council Directive 96/72/EC of 18 November 1996 amending Directives 66/400/EEC, 66/401/EEC, 66/402/EEC, 66/403/EEC, 69/208/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 seed.
- F3** Inserted by Commission Implementing Directive (EU) 2016/317 of 3 March 2016 amending Council Directives 66/401/EEC, 66/402/EEC, 2002/54/EC, 2002/55/EC, 2002/56/EC and 2002/57/EC as regards the official label of seed packages (Text with EEA relevance).
- F4** Inserted by Council Directive of 25 July 1978 amending Directives 66/400/EEC, 66/401/EEC, 66/402/EEC, 66/403/EEC, 68/193/EEC, 69/208/EEC and 70/458/EEC on the marketing of beet seed, fodder plant seed, cereal seed, seed potatoes, material for the vegetative propagation of the vine, seed of oil and fibre plants and vegetable seed (78/692/EEC).
- F5** Inserted by Council Directive of 13 June 1988 amending Directives 66/400/EEC, 66/401/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 seed and on the common catalogue of varieties of agricultural plant species (88/380/EEC).
- F6** Inserted by Council Directive of 6 December 1972 amending the Directives of 14 June 1966 on the marketing of beet seed, of fodder-crop plant, of cereal seed, of seed potatoes, the Directive of 30 June 1969 on the marketing of seed of oil and fibre plants, and the Directives of 29 September 1970 on the marketing of vegetable seed and on the Common Catalogue of Varieties of Agricultural Plant Species (72/418/EEC).
- F7** Inserted by Council Directive of 26 June 1975 amending Directives No 66/400/EEC, No 66/401/EEC, No 66/402/EEC, No 66/403/EEC and No 69/208/EEC on the marketing of beet seed, fodder plant seed, cereal seed, seed potatoes, and seed of oil and fibre plants (75/444/EEC).
- F8** Inserted by Council Directive of 19 December 1977 amending Directives 66/400/EEC, 66/401/EEC, 66/402/EEC, 68/193/EEC, 69/208/EEC, 70/458/EEC and 70/457/EEC on the marketing of beet seed, fodder plant seed, cereal seed, material for the vegetative propagation of the vine, seed of oil and fibre plants, vegetable seed and on the common catalogue of varieties of agricultural plant species (78/55/EEC).
- F9** Inserted by Council Directive of 24 July 1979 amending Directives 66/401/EEC, 66/402/EEC, 70/458/EEC and 70/457/EEC on the marketing of fodder plant seed, cereal seed and vegetable seed and on the common catalogue of varieties of agricultural plant species (79/692/EEC).