

ANNEX IV

LABEL

A.Required information

- (a) *For basic seed and certified seed*
1. 'EC rules and standards'.
 2. Certification authority and Member State or their initials.
 - 2a. [^{F1}Officially assigned serial number.]
 3. 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. Reference number of lot.
 5. Species, indicated at least under its botanical name, which may be given in abridged form and without the authors' names, in roman characters.
 6. Variety, indicated at least in roman characters.
 7. Category.
 8. Country of production.
 9. Declared net or gross weight.
 10. 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.
 11. 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 2002/53/EC:

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'.
 12. Where at least germination has been retested, the words 'retested ... (month and year)' and the service responsible for such retesting may be indicated.

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(aa) *[^{F2}For certified seed of a varietal association*

the information required under section (a), except that instead of the name of the variety, the name of the varietal association shall be (information ‘varietal association’ and its name) and the percentages by weight of the various components shown by variety shall be given; it shall be sufficient to give the name of the varietal association if the percentage by weight has been notified in writing to the purchaser, on request, and officially recorded.]

(b) *For commercial seed*

1. ‘EC rules and standards’.
2. ‘Commercial seed (not certified as to variety)’.
3. Certification authority and Member State or their initials.
- 3a. [^{F1}Officially assigned serial number.]
4. Month and year of sealing expressed thus: ‘sealed ... (month and year)’.
5. Reference number of lot.
6. Species, indicated at least under its botanical name, which may be given in abridged form and without the authors' names, in roman characters.
7. Region of production.
8. Declared net or gross weight.
9. 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.
10. 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.

In accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 25(2), 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.

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Textual Amendments

- F1** 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).
- F2** Inserted by [Commission Directive 2003/45/EC](#) of 28 May 2003 amending Council Directive 2002/57/EC on the marketing of seed of oil and fibre plants (Text with EEA relevance).

B. Minimum dimensions

110 mm × 67 mm.