

1985 No. 2

SEEDS

Seed Potatoes (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1985

Made 2nd January 1985

Coming into operation 1st April 1985

The Department of Agriculture, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections 1(a), 2 and 12 of the Seeds Act (Northern Ireland) 1965(b) and Article 3(8) of the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1984(c) and of all powers enabling it in that behalf, after consultation with representatives of such interests as appear to it to be concerned, hereby makes the following regulations:—

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the Seed Potatoes (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1985 and shall come into operation on 1st April 1985.

Amendment of Seed Potatoes Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1981

2. The Seed Potatoes Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1981(d) shall be amended as follows:—

(1) In regulation 5 after paragraph (5) there shall be inserted the following paragraph—

“(6) The Department may refuse to issue a certificate in respect of any seed potato crop for which an application for certification has been made under paragraph (1) where the applicant has failed to pay to the Department any amount by way of levy due by him in accordance with Article 3(1) of the Seed Potatoes (Levy) Order (Northern Ireland) 1985(e).”

(2) In regulation 9 after paragraph (3) there shall be inserted the following paragraph—

“(4) An authorised officer may refuse to seal any package or container of seed potatoes as required by paragraph (2) for any person who has failed to pay to the Department any amount by way of levy due by him in accordance with Article 3(2) and (3) of the Seed Potatoes (Levy) Order (Northern Ireland) 1985.”

(3) In Schedule 4 Part III sub-paragraphs (c) and (e) of paragraph 3 shall be deleted.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Agriculture on 2nd January 1985.

(L.S.)

R. E. Aiken

Assistant Secretary

(a) As amended by S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1972 No. 351 Art. 3 and Sch. 3

(b) 1965 c. 22 (N.I.)

(c) S.I. 1984/702 (N.I. 2)

(d) S.R. 1981 No. 243 as amended by S.R. 1983 No. 244

(e) S.R. 1985 No. 1

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These regulations amend the Seed Potatoes Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1981 as follows:—

- (a) The Department of Agriculture or an authorised officer of the Department of Agriculture is empowered to refuse to issue a certificate in respect of any seed potato crop or to refuse to seal any package or container of seed potatoes. (The issuing of certificates and the sealing of packages or containers are required under the Seed Potatoes Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1981 before seed potatoes are marketed.) The grounds for refusal are that that person has failed to pay any levy due to the Department of Agriculture and imposed on him under the Seed Potatoes (Levy) Order (Northern Ireland) 1985.
- (b) The requirements that details of the “class” and the size of basic seed potatoes produced in Northern Ireland be shown on the package or container used when such potatoes are exported or intended to be exported from Northern Ireland are deleted.