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SEEDS

The Vegetable Seeds Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009

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The Department of Agriculture and Rural Development⁽¹⁾ makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 1(1) and (2A) and 2 of the Seeds Act (Northern Ireland) 1965⁽²⁾ after consultation, in accordance with section 1(1) of that Act, with representatives of such interests as appear to it to be concerned:

PART 1

General

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Vegetable Seeds Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009, and shall come into force on 31st December 2009.

Commencement Information

II [Reg. 1](#) in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

General interpretation

2.—(1) In these Regulations—

“the 2004 Commission Decision” means Commission Decision [2004/842/EC](#)⁽³⁾ 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;

“the Act” means the Seeds Act (Northern Ireland) 1965;

(1) Formerly the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland: see [S.I. 1999/283 \(N.I.\)](#) Article 3(4)

(2) [1965 c.22\(N.I.\)](#); section 1 was amended by [1970 c.20\(N.I.\)](#) section 10(1) and S.R. & O.(N.I.) section 10(2) and [S.R. 1977 No.295 Art.2](#)

(3) OJ L362, 9.12.2004, p21

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[^{F1}“additional region” means the region for seed production approved by the Department for the purposes of the second paragraph of Article 13.1 (additional regions) of Commission Directive 2009/145;

“amateur variety” means a variety of vegetable species with no intrinsic value for commercial crop production which is developed for growing under particular conditions and is contained within a National List;]

“Annex V(C) document” means an official document of the type specified in the second indented sub-paragraph of Article 36(2) of the Vegetable Seed Directive containing the particulars specified in Part C of Annex V to the Directive;

“another member State” means an EEA State other than the United Kingdom;

“authorised officer” means an officer authorised for the purposes of these Regulations by the Department, the Secretary of State, the Scottish Ministers or the National Assembly for Wales;

“blended seed lot” means a seed lot obtained by blending seed where the seed that goes into the blend is—

- (a) of the same variety;
- (b) has come from different sources; and
- (c) either—
 - (i) has been officially certified;
 - (ii) has not been officially certified but has been harvested from a seed crop for which a field inspection report has been issued showing that the crop met the Directive crop conditions for the relevant category of seed; or
 - (iii) is made up of seed that has been officially certified and seed that has not but for which a field inspection report of the type specified in sub-paragraph (ii) has been issued;

“breeder”—

- (a) in relation to a variety that has not been entered in a National List or the Common Catalogue, includes any person lawfully multiplying (on his own account) seed bred by another, and
- (b) in relation to a variety that has been so entered, means the maintainer of the variety;

“breeder’s seed” means seed which has been produced by or under the responsibility of the breeder and which is intended for the production of pre-basic or basic seed;

[^{F2}“certified seed of a conservation variety” means seed of a conservation variety which—

- (a) is produced in the region of origin or an additional region;
- (b) descends from seed produced accordingly to well defined practices for the maintenance of the variety;
- (c) satisfies the requirements for certification of certified seed set out in the Vegetable Seed Directive, except the requirements in respect of minimal varietal purity and examination and satisfies the requirements of Part 5 of Schedule 4; and
- (d) has sufficient varietal purity;

“Commission Directive 2009/145” means Commission Directive [2009/145/EC](#) providing for certain derogations, for acceptance of vegetable landraces and varieties which have been traditionally grown in particular localities and regions and are threatened by genetic erosion and of vegetable varieties with no intrinsic value for commercial crop production but developed for growing under particular conditions and for marketing of seed of those landraces and varieties as amended from time to time;]

“Common Catalogue” means the Common Catalogue of varieties of vegetables species published in the Official Journal of the European Communities;

“component” means a component of a hybrid variety;

[^{F3}“conservation variety” means a landrace or variety of vegetable species which is naturally adapted to local and regional conditions and threatened by genetic erosion and is contained within a National List and for these purposes—

- (a) “landrace” means a set of populations or clones of a plant species which are naturally adapted to the environmental conditions of their region; and
- (b) “genetic erosion” means loss of genetic diversity between and within populations or varieties of the same species over time or reduction of the genetic basis of a species due to human intervention or environmental change;]

“control plot” means a plot sown with seed from an official sample of seed from a seed lot (whether the official sample of the seed submitted with a regulation 6 application in accordance with regulation 6(2) or another official sample of the seed);

“the Deliberate Release Directive” means Council Directive 2001/18/EC(4) on the deliberate release into the environment of genetically modified organisms, as last amended by Council Regulation (EC) No 1830/2003(5) concerning the traceability and labelling of genetically modified organisms and the traceability of food and feed products produced from genetically modified organisms;”

“The Department” means the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development in Northern Ireland;

“Directive crop conditions” means the conditions laid down in Annex I to the Vegetable Seed Directive;

“Directive seed conditions” means the conditions laid down in Annex II to the Vegetable Seed Directive;

“EC minimum percentage of germination” means the appropriate percentage of germination specified in column 2 of the table in paragraph 4 of Schedule 4;

“EEA State” means—

- (a) a State which is a member of the Communities; and
- (b) Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway;

“entered seed lot” means a seed lot in respect of which an application has been made under regulation 6 in accordance with regulation 6(2)(a), (b)(i) and (c);

“the Food and Feed Regulation” means Council Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003(6) on genetically modified food and feed;

“genetically modified” has the same meaning as for the purposes of the Deliberate Release Directive;

“germination condition” means the condition in paragraph 4 of Schedule 4;

“homogeneous seed lot” means a seed lot that has been subject to appropriate mixing and blending techniques so that the seed in the lot is as uniform as practicable;

“late entered seed lot” means a seed lot in respect of which an application has been made under regulation 6(1) in accordance with regulation 6(2)(a), (b)(ii) and (c);

(4) OJ L 106, 17.4.2001, p 1

(5) O.J.L 268, 18.10.2003, p24

(6) O.J.L 268, 18.10.2003, p. 1

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“licensed crop inspector” means a person who has been granted a licence under regulation 11 of the Seed (Registration, Licensing and Enforcement) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009(7) or by the Secretary of State, the Scottish Ministers or the National Assembly for Wales under provisions equivalent to that regulation;

“licensed EC crop inspector” means a person who is authorised by a competent seed certification authority in another member State, pursuant to Article 2(4)(A)(a)(iii) of the Vegetable Seed Directive, to carry out field inspections of crops in that member State;

“licensed EC seed testing station” means a seed testing laboratory authorised by the competent seed certification authority in another member State, pursuant to Article 2(4)B(a) of the Vegetable Seed Directive, to carry out seed testing in that member State;

“licensed seed sampler” means a person who has been granted a licence under regulation 18 of the Seed (Registration, Licensing and Enforcement) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009 or by the Secretary of State, the Scottish Ministers or the National Assembly for Wales under provisions equivalent to that regulation;

“licensed seed testing station” means a laboratory in respect of which a licence has been granted under regulation 25 of the Seed (Registration, Licensing and Enforcement) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009 or by the Secretary of State, the Scottish Ministers or the National Assembly for Wales under provisions equivalent to that regulation;

“listed variety” means a plant variety that is entered in a National List or the Common Catalogue;

“listing” means the entry of a variety on a National List or the Common Catalogue and “listed” shall be construed accordingly;

“maintainer” means a person who is indicated in a National List or in the Common Catalogue as responsible for maintaining a plant variety in accordance with the characteristics to which regard was had when the plant variety was entered in the List or the Common Catalogue;

“marketing extension” means an extension granted by the Department, the Secretary of State, the Scottish Ministers, the National Assembly for Wales, or the competent seed certification authority in another member State pursuant to Article 15 of the Vegetable Seed Directive allowing an extended period for the certification and marketing of seed of a variety that has been deleted from its catalogue and the Common Catalogue;

“marketing year” means the year from 1st July to 30th June inclusive;

“market test seed” means seed which is the subject of a regulation 19 authorisation;

“member State” means, in addition to a State which is a member of the Communities, any other EEA State and Switzerland;

“the National Assembly for Wales” means the National Assembly for Wales established by Section 45 of the Government of Wales Act 2006(8);

“a National List” means a list of varieties of vegetable species for the time being published in accordance with the Seeds (National Lists of Varieties) Regulations 2001(9);

“official label” means a label issued or authorised by or on behalf of the Department, the Secretary of State, the Scottish Ministers or the National Assembly for Wales;

“official measures” includes—

- (a) the disposal and determination, where applicable, of applications made in accordance with regulation 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 18 and 19, including the growing and assessment

(7) [S.R. 2009 No.388](#)

(8) [2006 c. 32](#)

(9) [S.I 2001/3510](#)

of control plots and the carrying out of field inspections and seed testing in connection with the disposal and determination of such applications; and

- (b) the receipt and acknowledgement of notifications given under regulation 7, and such other activities as may be necessary for those purposes;

[^{F4}“official post control” means a control plot has been sown with seed from the relevant seed lot and has produced plants which have been examined by or on behalf of the relevant European Authority and for these purposes—

- (a) “control plot” means a plot sown by or on behalf of a European Authority with seed from a sample which is of at least the minimum weight specified in column 3 of the table in Schedule 7 taken by or on behalf of a European Authority or the person marketing the seed; and
- (b) “European Authority” means:
- (i) the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development in Northern Ireland;
 - (ii) the Welsh Ministers;
 - (iii) the Ministers;
 - (iv) the Secretary of State; or
 - (v) a competent seed certification authority of an EEA state other than the United Kingdom;]

“official sample” means a sample of seed taken from a seed lot in accordance with regulation 22 and “official sampling” shall be construed accordingly;

“official UK field inspection” means a field inspection carried out by or on behalf of the Department, the Secretary of State, the Scottish Ministers or the National Assembly for Wales;

“official UK seed test” means a seed test carried out by or on behalf of the Department, the Secretary of State, the Scottish Ministers or the National Assembly for Wales;

“previously listed variety” means a plant variety that was previously entered in—

- (a) a National List or, in the case of another member State, the catalogue maintained by that State pursuant to Article 3(2) of the Vegetable Seed Directive, and
- (b) the Common Catalogue,

but which has been removed from both of them;

[^{F5}“region of origin” means the region forming a part or the whole of the United Kingdom identified by the Department for the purposes of Article 8(1) (region of origin) of Commission Directive 2009/145;]

“registered person” means a person registered under regulation 5 of the Seed (Registration, Licensing and Enforcement) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009 as a person who may engage in a relevant seed industry activity;

“regulation 18 authorisation” means an authorisation granted in accordance with regulation 18;

“regulation 19 authorisation” means an authorisation granted in accordance with regulation 19;

“Schedule 4 germination test” means a test to determine whether the seed being tested attains the percentage of germination specified in column 2 of the table in paragraph 4 of Schedule 4;

“the Scottish Ministers” means the Scottish Executive as constituted by Section 44 of the Scotland Act 1998(10);

“the Secretary of State” means the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs;

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“seed industry activity” has the same meaning as in regulation 2 of the Seed (Registration, Licensing and Enforcement) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009;

“seed lot” means an identifiable consignment of seeds of a weight that does not exceed the weight specified in column 2 of the table in Schedule 7 for the species specified in column 1 of that table by more than 5 per cent and that bears a unique seed lot reference number, and includes a blended seed lot and a seed lot that contains seed from different crops of the same variety grown on the same holding and combined on the grower’s holding prior to processing;

“seed that has been subject to satisfactory official post control” means seed taken from a seed lot for which a control plot has been sown by or on behalf of the Department, the Secretary of State, the Scottish Ministers or the National Assembly for Wales and which has produced plants which have been examined by or on behalf of the Department, the Secretary of State, the Scottish Ministers or the National Assembly for Wales, as the case may be, and has been found having regard to—

- (a) the conditions laid down in—
 - (i) paragraphs 1, 4 and 6 of Schedule 3, and
 - (ii) paragraphs 1, 2 and 8 of Schedule 4, and
- (b) the category of the seed to be produced,

to be satisfactory seed from which to produce that category of seed;

“small package” in relation to a package of seed means—

- (a) a package of seed containing a net weight of not more than 5 kilograms of legume seed;
- (b) a package of seed containing a net weight of not more than 500 grams of asparagus, beetroot, carrot, chard or spinach beet, gourd, marrow, onion, radish, spinach or turnip seed; or
- (c) a package of seed containing a net weight of not more than 100 grams of seed of any species of seed specified in Schedule 2 other than a species specified in paragraph (a) or (b);

“third country” means a country other than a member State;

“a UK field inspection carried out under official supervision” means an examination of a crop carried out under official supervision by a licensed crop inspector;

“a UK seed test carried out under official supervision” means a seed test carried out under official supervision by a licensed seed testing station;

“unlisted variety” means a variety that is not a listed variety;

[^{F6}“the Vegetable Seed Directive” means Council Directive [2002/55/EC](#) on the marketing of vegetable seed, as amended from time to time;]

“whenever carried out”—

- (a) in relation to an official UK field inspection of a crop being grown to produce seed of a listed variety or a component of a listed hybrid variety, means an inspection carried out before or after the listing of the variety or hybrid variety;
- (b) in relation to an official UK field inspection of a crop being grown to produce seed of a previously listed variety or a component of a previously listed hybrid variety, means an inspection carried out while the variety or hybrid variety was listed or after it became unlisted;
- (c) in relation to an official UK seed test or a UK seed test carried out under official supervision of seed of a listed variety or a component of a listed hybrid variety, means a test carried out before or after the listing of the variety or hybrid variety; and

- (d) in relation to an official UK seed test or a UK seed test carried out under official supervision of seed of a previously listed variety or a component of a previously listed hybrid variety, means a test carried out while the variety or hybrid variety was listed or after it became unlisted.
- (2) All applications, approvals, authorisations, notices, notifications and statements to which these Regulations apply shall be made in writing.
- (3) “Writing” in paragraph (2) shall include an electronic communication within the meaning of the Electronic Communications Act 2000(11) provided that—
- (a) any document of the type referred to in paragraph (2) shall only be sent to the Department by an electronic communication if the Department has represented that electronic communication is a means by which persons can send such a document to it, and
- (b) notifications required to be made by the Department to any person shall only be made by an electronic communication if the intended recipient has used the same form of electronic communication in communicating with the Department for the purpose of these Regulations or has otherwise represented that that form of electronic communication is a means by which the Department can communicate with that person.
- (4) Expressions in these Regulations which are not defined in this regulation or elsewhere in these Regulations or in a Schedule to these Regulations and which appear in the Vegetable Seed Directive have the same meaning in these Regulations as they have in that Directive.
- (5) Schedule 1, which contains definitions of pre-basic seed and similar expressions, basic seed and similar expressions, CS seed and similar expressions, standard seed and similar expressions and expressions relating to imported not finally certified seed, shall apply to the interpretation of these Regulations.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in [reg. 2\(1\)](#) inserted (11.4.2011) by [The Vegetable Seeds \(Amendment\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2011 \(S.R. 2011/38\)](#), regs. 1, **3(a)**
- F2** Words in [reg. 2\(1\)](#) inserted (11.4.2011) by [The Vegetable Seeds \(Amendment\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2011 \(S.R. 2011/38\)](#), regs. 1, **3(b)**
- F3** Words in [reg. 2\(1\)](#) inserted (11.4.2011) by [The Vegetable Seeds \(Amendment\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2011 \(S.R. 2011/38\)](#), regs. 1, **3(e)**
- F4** Words in [reg. 2\(1\)](#) inserted (11.4.2011) by [The Vegetable Seeds \(Amendment\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2011 \(S.R. 2011/38\)](#), regs. 1, **3(f)**
- F5** Words in [reg. 2\(1\)](#) inserted (11.4.2011) by [The Vegetable Seeds \(Amendment\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2011 \(S.R. 2011/38\)](#), regs. 1, **3(g)**
- F6** Words in [reg. 2\(1\)](#) substituted (11.4.2011) by [The Vegetable Seeds \(Amendment\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2011 \(S.R. 2011/38\)](#), regs. 1, **3(h)**

Commencement Information

- I2** [Reg. 2](#) in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

Definitions relating to plant species

3. In these Regulations—

“asparagus” means plants commonly known by that name of the species *Asparagus officinalis* L.;

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“beetroot” means plants commonly known by that name of the species *Beta vulgaris* L. and includes plants commonly known as Cheltenham beet;

“broad bean” means plants commonly known by that name of the species *Vicia faba* L. (partim);

“Brussels sprouts” means plants commonly known by that name of the species *Brassica oleracea* L. convar *oleracea* var *gemmifera* DC.;

“carrot” means plants commonly known by that name of the species *Daucus carota* L. and includes plants commonly known as fodder carrot;

“cauliflower” means plants commonly known by that name of the species *Brassica oleracea* L. convar *botrytis* (L.) Alef var *botrytis*;

“celery” means plants commonly known by that name of the species *Apium graveolens* L. including plants commonly known as celeriac;

“chard and spinach beet” means plants commonly known by that name of the species *Beta vulgaris* L.;

“Chinese cabbage” means plants commonly known by that name of the species *Brassica Rapa* L.;

“cucumber and gherkin” means plants commonly known by that name of the species *Cucumis sativus* L.;

“curly kale” means plants commonly known by that name of the species *Brassica oleracea* L.;

“endive” means plants commonly known by that name of the species *Cichorium endivia* L.;

“French bean” means plants commonly known by that name of the species *Phaseolus vulgaris* L.;

“gourd” means plants commonly known by that name of the species *Cucurbita maxima* Duchesne;

“kohlrabi” means plants commonly known by that name of the species *Brassica oleracea* L.;

“large-leaved chicory and Witloof chicory” means plants commonly known by that name of the species *Cichorium intybus* L. and includes plants commonly known as Italian chicory;

“leek” means plants commonly known by that name of the species *Allium porrum* L.;

“legume” means broad beans, French beans, runner beans and peas;

“lettuce” means plants commonly known by that name of the species *Lactuca sativa* L.;

“marrow” means plants commonly known by that name of the species *Cucurbita pepo* L. and includes plants commonly known as courgette;

“melon” means plants commonly known by that name of the species *Cucumis melo* L.;

“onion” means plants commonly known by that name of the species *Allium cepa* L. and includes plants commonly known as Echalion;

“parsley” means plants commonly known by that name of the species *Petroselinum crispum* (Miller) Nyman ex A W Hill;

“pea” means plants commonly known as winkled pea, round pea or sugar pea of the species *Pisum sativum* L. (partim);

“radish” means plants commonly known by that name of the species *Raphanus sativus* L. and includes plants commonly known as black radish;

“red cabbage” means plants commonly known by that name of the species *Brassica oleracea* L. convar *capitata* L Alef var *rubra* DC.;

“runner bean” means plants commonly known by that name of the species *Phaseolus coccineus* L.;

“Savoy cabbage” means plants commonly known by that name of the species *Brassica oleracea* L.;

“spinach” means plants of the species *Spinacia oleracea* L.;

“sprouting broccoli” means plants commonly known by that name of the species *Brassica oleracea* L. and includes plants commonly known as calabrese;

“sweet corn or popcorn” means plants commonly known by those names of the species *Zeamays* L. (partim);

“tomato” means plants commonly known by that name of the species *Lycopersiconesculentum* Mill.;

“turnip” means plants commonly known by that name of the species *Brassica rapa* L.; and

“white cabbage” means plants commonly known by that name of the species *Brassica oleracea* L.;

Commencement Information

I3 Reg. 3 in operation at 31.12.2009, see reg. 1

Definition of marketing

4.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), in these Regulations “marketing” means—

- (a) selling, holding with a view to sale or offering for sale, or
- (b) any disposal, supply or transfer for the purpose of commercial exploitation of seed to third parties,

whether or not for consideration, and “market” and “marketed” shall be construed accordingly.

(2) Trade in seed not aimed at commercial exploitation of the variety, such as the following operations—

- (a) the supply of seed to official testing and inspection bodies, and
- (b) the supply of seed to a person who provides processing or packaging services but who does not thereby acquire title to the seed supplied,

shall not be regarded as marketing of seed of that variety.

Commencement Information

I4 Reg. 4 in operation at 31.12.2009, see reg. 1

Seeds to which these regulations apply

5.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), these Regulations apply to vegetable seed of the species specified in Schedule 2 that are intended to be used for agricultural or horticultural production other than for ornamental purposes.

(2) These Regulations shall not apply to seed that is intended for export to a third country.

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Commencement Information

I5 Reg. 5 in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

PART 2

Procedures relating to the official certification of seed

Entry of seed lots

6.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), an application to enter a seed lot from which it is intended that a crop is to be produced from which pre-basic, basic or CS seed is to be harvested may be made to the Department by a registered person.

(2) An application made under this regulation—

(a) shall be made in such form and manner as the Department may require;

(b) shall be made—

(i) at such time as the Department may require, or

(ii) in the case of an application to enter a seed lot made after that time, at such time as the Department may otherwise allow; and

(c) shall be accompanied—

(i) unless otherwise agreed by the Department, by an official sample of seed from the seed lot that is identified by the reference number of the seed lot from which it was taken, and

(ii) by such information and other documents as the Department may require, including, if required, a copy of a qualifying seed test report relating to the seed lot.

(3) At an appropriate time following the receipt of an application made under this regulation, the Department may sow a control plot with seed taken from an official sample of seed taken from the seed lot (whether the official sample submitted in accordance with paragraph (2)(c)(i) or another official sample of seed taken from the seed lot).

(4) “qualifying seed test report” means—

(a) a seed test report issued in accordance with regulation 11(8), (9), (10) or (11), or

(b) in a case where an official sample taken from the seed lot has been found to meet the conditions for the category of seed for which it was tested under regulation 11(6)(b), a seed test report issued in accordance with regulation 11(12)(b).

Commencement Information

I6 Reg. 6 in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

Entry of crop

7.—(1) A registered person who has sown seed from an entered or late entered seed lot from which it is intended to produce a crop from which pre-basic, basic or CS seed is to be harvested shall notify the Department that the seed has been sown.

(2) A notification under this regulation—

- (a) shall be given in such form and manner as the Department may require;
 - (b) shall be given within such time as the Department may require;
 - (c) shall specify the reference number of the seed lot from which the sown seed has been taken; and
 - (d) shall be accompanied by such information and other documents as the Department may require.
- (3) Subject to paragraph (4), the Department shall acknowledge receipt of a notification given under this regulation.
- (4) Subject to paragraph (5), unless specifically requested to do so by the applicant, the Department shall not individually acknowledge the receipt of each notification given under this regulation that it receives but shall periodically provide the applicant with a list of those crops for which it has received such a notification.
- (5) Where the Department has previously provided the applicant with a list of those crops for which it has received a notification under this regulation from the applicant, any subsequent list periodically provided to the applicant under paragraph (4) shall list only those crops in respect of which the Department has received a notification under this regulation from him since last providing the applicant with such a list.

Commencement Information

I7 [Reg. 7](#) in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

Field inspection of crops

- 8.—(1)** Subject to paragraph (2), an application may be made to the Department by a registered person for the field inspection of a crop being produced in Northern Ireland from—
- (a) an entered or late entered seed lot from which it is intended that pre-basic seed is to be harvested (“a regulation 8(1)(a) crop”);
 - (b) an entered or late entered seed lot from which it is intended that basic seed is to be harvested (“a regulation 8(1)(b) crop”);
 - (c) a late entered seed lot from which it is intended that CS seed is to be harvested (“a regulation 8(1)(c) crop”); or
 - (d) an entered seed lot from which it is intended that CS seed is to be harvested of a variety that is not listed but for which an outstanding application for listing has been made (“a regulation 8(1)(d) crop”).
- (2) An application made under paragraph (1) shall not be made in respect of a regulation 8(1)(a), (b) or (c) crop to produce seed of a variety or hybrid variety that is not listed, or seed of a component of a hybrid variety that is not listed, unless—
- (a) an application for the listing of the variety or the hybrid variety has been made which has not been withdrawn or finally determined, or
 - (b) a marketing extension is in force in respect of the variety or hybrid variety.
- (3) Subject to paragraph (4), an application for the field inspection of a crop being produced in Northern Ireland from an entered seed lot from which it is intended that CS seed is to be harvested may be made to a licensed crop inspector by a registered person.
- (4) An application under paragraph (3) shall not be made—
- (a) in respect of a crop to produce seed of a variety or hybrid variety that is not listed unless a marketing extension is in force in respect of the variety or hybrid variety, and

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- (b) except in respect of a crop that is being produced from—
- (i) seed that has been subject to satisfactory official post control, or
 - (ii) seed that is subject to official post control and for which a determination as to whether the seed is satisfactory seed from which to produce CS seed is awaited.
- (5) If required by the Department, an application made under paragraph (3) shall be considered by the Department instead of by a licensed crop inspector.
- (6) If permitted by the Department, an application made under paragraph (3) may be made to the Department instead of to a licensed crop inspector.
- (7) An application made under paragraph (1) or (3) shall be made in such form and manner and at such time as the Department may require and shall be accompanied by such information, material, records, illustrations and other documents as the Department may require.
- (a) Following the receipt of an application made under paragraph (1) or (3), the Department (in the case of an application made under paragraph (1) or an application made under paragraph (3) that is being considered by the Department under paragraph (5) or has been made to the Department under paragraph (6), or the licensed crop inspector to whom an application has been made under paragraph (3) (as the case may be) shall inspect the crop in accordance with the relevant provisions of paragraph 5 of Schedule 3 to determine—
- (i) whether the crop meets the conditions laid down in Schedule 3 and Part 1 of Schedule 4 for the production of the category of seed intended to be harvested, and
 - (ii) unless requested not to do so by the applicant, whether it meets the conditions laid down in Schedule 3 and Part 1 of Schedule 4 for the production of any other category of seed to which paragraph (17) applies.
- (8) Subject to paragraph (13), where in the case of an application made to the Department under paragraph (1) or an application made under paragraph (3) that is being considered by the Department under paragraph (5) or has been made to the Department under paragraph (6), the inspected crop is found to satisfy the conditions laid down in Schedule 3 and Part 1 of Schedule 4 or the production of—
- (a) the category of seed intended to be harvested, and
 - (b) where applicable, any other category of seed to which paragraph (17) applies,
- the Department shall issue a field inspection report (which the Department shall retain as a lodged report unless instructed not to do so by the applicant) stating (by reference to the relevant category or categories) that the crop has been found to meet those conditions and shall send the report, or (in a case where the original report is to be retained as a lodged report by the Department) a copy of the report, to the applicant.
- (9) Where in the case of an application made to a licensed crop inspector under paragraph (3) the inspected crop is found to satisfy the conditions laid down in Schedule 3 and Part 1 of Schedule 4 for the production of CS seed, the licensed crop inspector shall issue a field inspection report to the applicant stating that the crop has been found to meet those conditions.
- (10) Subject to paragraph (13), where in the case of an application made to the Department under paragraph (1) or an application made under paragraph (3) that is being considered by the Department under paragraph (5) or has been made to the Department under paragraph (6), the inspected crop is found not to satisfy the conditions laid down in Schedule 3 or Part 1 of Schedule 4 for the production of the category of seed intended to be harvested, the Department shall issue a field inspection report (which the Department shall retain as a lodged report unless instructed not to do so by the applicant)
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- (a) stating that the crop has been found not to meet those conditions, and

- (b) in a case where the crop has been inspected to determine whether it meets the conditions laid down in Schedule 3 and Part 1 of Schedule 4 for the production of any other category of seed to which paragraph (17) applies, stating the conditions (by reference to the relevant category or categories), if any, met by the crop,

and shall send the report, or (in a case where the original report is to be retained as a lodged report by the Department) a copy of the report, to the applicant.

(11) Where in the case of an application made to a licensed crop inspector under paragraph (3) the inspected crop is found not to satisfy the conditions laid down in Schedule 3 or Part 1 of Schedule 4 for the production of CS seed, the licensed crop inspector shall issue a field inspection report to the applicant stating that the crop has been found not to meet those conditions.

(12) Where—

- (a) an application has been made to the Department under paragraph (1), or an application has been made under paragraph (3) that is being considered by the Department under paragraph (5) or has been made to the Department under paragraph (6), in respect of a crop produced from seed which was taken from a seed lot for which a control plot has been sown, and
- (b) the results of the examination of the control plot show that the plants produced in the plot do not meet the conditions laid down in Schedule 3 or Part 1 or Part 3 of Schedule 4 for the production of the category of seed intended to be harvested,

the Department may take account of the results of that examination when carrying out an inspection of the crop to which the paragraph (1) or (3) application relates and in determining whether she should issue a field inspection report under paragraph (9) or (11).

(13) Where paragraph (15) applies, the Department may carry out the examination of—

- (a) a crop to which an application made under paragraph (3) relates;
- (b) any other crops that are being produced from seed that has been taken from the same seed lot and in respect of which an application has been made under paragraph (3); or
- (c) both the crops referred to in paragraphs (a) and (b).

(14) This paragraph applies where—

- (a) an application has been made to a licensed crop inspector under paragraph (3) in respect of seed that is subject to official post-control;
- (b) the plants produced in the control plot being used for the purposes of the official post control have been examined by or on behalf of the Department, the Secretary of State, the Scottish Ministers or the National Assembly for Wales; and
- (c) it has been determined by or on behalf of the Department, the Secretary of State, the Scottish Ministers or the National Assembly for Wales, having regard to the conditions laid down in paragraphs 1, 4 and 6 of Schedule 3, and paragraphs 1, 2 and 8 of Schedule 4, that the plants produced in the control plot are not satisfactory plants from which to harvest CS seed.

(15) Where the Department has carried out an examination of the crop referred to in paragraph (14)(a) or the crops referred to in paragraph (14)(b), or has carried out an examination of both the crop referred to in paragraph (14)(a) and the crops referred to in paragraph (14)(b), the Department shall inform the applicant whether it is satisfied that the seed used to produce the crop to which the application relates was satisfactory seed to be used for the production of CS seed, and, if the Department is satisfied that this is the case, the seed used to produce the crop, and seed from the same seed lot, shall be treated as being seed that has been subject to satisfactory official post control for the production of CS seed.

(16) This paragraph applies to the following categories of seed—

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- (a) in the case of an application made under this regulation relating to a crop that has been produced from breeder's seed and from which it is intended to harvest pre-basic seed, to the category of basic seed;
- (b) in the case of an application made under this regulation relating to a crop that has been produced from officially certified pre-basic seed and from which it is intended to harvest pre-basic seed, to the categories of basic and CS seed;
- (c) in the case of an application made under this regulation relating to a crop that has been produced from breeder's seed and from which it is intended to harvest basic seed other than a component of a hybrid variety, to the category of pre-basic seed; and
- (d) in the case of an application made under this regulation relating to a crop produced from officially certified pre-basic seed and from which it is intended to harvest basic seed other than a component of a hybrid variety, to the categories of pre-basic and CS seed.

(17) In this regulation "seed that is subject to official post control" means seed from a seed lot for which a control plot has been sown by or on behalf of the Department, the Secretary of State, the Scottish Ministers or the National Assembly for Wales to produce plants which are to be, or have been, examined by or on behalf of the Department, the Secretary of State, the Scottish Ministers or the National Assembly for Wales, as the case may be, to determine whether, having regard to the conditions laid down in—

- (a) paragraphs 1, 4 and 6 of Schedule 3, and
- (b) paragraphs 1, 2 and 8 of Schedule 4,

the plants produced in the plot indicate that the corresponding plants in the field are satisfactory plants from which to harvest CS seed.

Commencement Information

18 [Reg. 8](#) in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

Lodging of field inspection reports and similar documents

9.—(1) An application to lodge a copy of a document to which paragraph (2) applies may be made to the Department by a registered person.

- (2) This paragraph applies—
 - (a) in relation to a crop produced in Northern Ireland, to a field inspection report issued under regulation 8(9), (10), (11) or (12);
 - (b) in relation to a crop produced in the United Kingdom elsewhere than in Northern Ireland, to a report relating to the crop equivalent to that specified in sub-paragraph (a) issued—
 - (i) by or on behalf of the Secretary of State, the Scottish Ministers or the National Assembly for Wales, or
 - (ii) by a licensed crop inspector;
 - (c) in relation to a crop produced in another member State, to an Annex V(C) document relating to the crop issued by or on behalf of the competent seed certification authority in the member State.
- (3) An application made under this regulation—
 - (a) shall be made in such form and manner as the Department may require;
 - (b) shall be made within such time as the Department may require but, unless otherwise permitted by the Department, shall be made not later than the time when any seed test

report relating to the seed harvested from the crop is lodged with the Department under regulation 12;

- (c) shall subject to paragraph (4) be accompanied—
- (i) in relation to a crop produced in Northern Ireland, by a copy of the document referred to in paragraph (2)(a);
 - (ii) in relation to a crop produced in the United Kingdom elsewhere than in Northern Ireland, by a copy of the document referred to in paragraph (2)(b) except that this need not be provided in a case where confirmation that the crop meets the conditions for the production of the appropriate category of seed has already been provided to the Department by or on behalf of the Secretary of State, the Scottish Ministers or the National Assembly for Wales (as the case may be);
 - (iii) in relation to a crop produced in another member State, by a copy of the document referred to in paragraph (2)(c); and
 - (iv) by such other information and documents as the Department may require.

(4) The Department may permit, subject to any conditions that the Department may impose, an application made under this regulation relating to a crop for which the applicant previously made an application under regulation 8(3) to be accompanied by the following document instead of the field inspection report issued under regulation 8(10) or 8(12), namely a document relating to the crop (whether relating to that crop alone or relating to other crops (including that crop) in respect of which an application has been made by the applicant under regulation 8(3))—

- (a) that states, by reference to the relevant category, the conditions met by that crop;
- (b) that identifies the licensed crop inspector or inspectors who inspected the crop;
- (c) that states that during a period of three years from the date of issue of the field inspection report, the original report will be produced to the Department on demand and that a copy of the report will be made available to the Department on request during that period; and
- (d) that contains such other information as the Department may require.

(5) Where a document of the type specified in paragraph (4) accompanies an application made under this regulation instead of a field inspection report, the applicant shall produce the field inspection report referred to in paragraph (3) to the Department on demand during the period of three years from the date of the issue of the field inspection report and shall make a copy of the report available to the Department on request during that period.

Commencement Information

19 Reg. 9 in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

Re-grading of crops

10.—(1) An application to re-grade a crop for the production of a category of seed to which paragraph (6) applies as a crop for the production of another category of seed (“the new category”) to which that paragraph applies may be made to the Department by a registered person.

(2) An application made under this regulation shall be made in such form and manner and at such time as the Department shall require and shall be accompanied by—

- (a) a copy of the field inspection report previously issued in respect of the crop unless this has previously been lodged with the Department, and
- (b) such other information as the Department may require for the purpose of determining the application.

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- (3) Where an application made under this regulation has been made in respect of a crop that has not been harvested—
- (a) the Department shall, in the case of an application to re-grade a crop as a crop to produce pre-basic or basic seed, carry out a field inspection of the crop to determine whether it meets the conditions laid down in Schedule 3 and Part 1 of Schedule 4 for the production of the new category of seed if—
 - (i) the previous field inspection report issued in respect of the crop was not issued by the Department, and
 - (ii) the condition and stage of development of the crop permit an adequate examination; and
 - (b) the Department may, in the case of an application to re-grade a crop as a crop to produce CS seed, carry out a field inspection of the crop to determine whether it meets the conditions laid down in Schedule 3 and Part 1 of Schedule 4 for the production of the new category of seed if the condition and stage of development of the crop permit an adequate examination
- (4) If the Department—
- (a) in the case of an application to re-grade a crop as a crop to produce pre-basic or basic seed—
 - (i) has carried out a field inspection of the crop (whether in connection with the original application for a field inspection of the crop or in accordance with paragraph (3)),
 - (ii) is satisfied that the crop has been produced by or under the responsibility of the breeder according to accepted practices for the maintenance of the variety, and
 - (iii) is satisfied that the crop meets or (if the crop has already been harvested) would have met the conditions laid down in Schedule 3 and Part 1 of Schedule 4 for the production of the new category of seed, or
 - (b) in the case of an application to re-grade a crop as a crop to produce CS seed—
 - (i) is satisfied that the crop has been produced directly from UK, EC or overseas tested officially certified basic seed of a listed variety, or, with the breeder's authority, from UK, EC or overseas tested officially certified pre-basic seed of a listed variety, and
 - (ii) is satisfied that the crop meets or (if the crop has already been harvested) would have met the conditions laid down in Schedule 3 and Part 1 of Schedule 4 for the production of CS seed,

the Department shall notify the applicant that the crop has been found to meet or (if the crop has already been harvested) it has been found that it would have met the conditions referred to in subparagraph (a)(iii) or (b)(ii), as the case may be, and that the application to re-grade the crop has been successful.
- (5) If the Department is satisfied that the conditions specified in paragraph (4) have not been met it shall notify the applicant that the application to re-grade the crop has been unsuccessful.
- (6) This paragraph applies to the following categories of seed—
- (a) pre-basic seed;
 - (b) basic seed; and
 - (c) CS seed.

Commencement Information

I10 [Reg. 10](#) in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

Seed testing

11.—(1) Subject to paragraphs (2), (3) and (4), an application may be made to a licensed seed testing station by a registered person for the testing of an official sample of a qualifying seed lot of—

- (a) seed as pre-basic seed (“a regulation 11(1)(a) seed lot”);
- (b) seed as basic seed (“a regulation 11(1)(b) seed lot”); or
- (c) seed as CS seed (“a regulation 11(1)(c) seed lot”).

(2) An application made under this regulation shall not be made in respect of seed of a variety that is not listed, or seed of a component of a hybrid variety that is not listed, unless—

- (a) an application for listing of the variety or hybrid variety has been made which has not been withdrawn or finally determined; or
- (b) a marketing extension is in force in respect of the variety or hybrid variety.

(3) An application made under this regulation may be considered by the Department instead of a licensed seed testing station.

(4) If permitted by the Department, an application made under this regulation may be made to the Department instead of a licensed seed testing station.

(5) An application made under this regulation—

- (a) shall be made in such form and manner and at such time as the Department may require, and
- (b) shall be accompanied by an official sample of the seed to be tested and such other information, material, seeds, records, illustrations and other documents as the Department may require.

(6) Following the receipt of an application made under this regulation the licensed seed testing station (or the Department in a case where paragraph (3) or (4) applies) shall, subject to paragraph (7), test seed taken from the official sample provided under paragraph (5)(b) to determine whether it meets the conditions laid down in Part 2 of Schedule 4—

- (a) for the category of seed for which the application is being made, and
- (b) unless requested not to do so by the applicant, for any other category of seed to which paragraph (14) applies.

(7) Where a seed test report has previously been issued by a licensed seed testing station (or the Department in a case where paragraph (3) or (4) applies) in accordance with paragraph (8)(a), (9), (10), (11) or (12) in respect of a seed lot, the licensed seed testing station (or the Department in a case where paragraph (3) or (4) applies) may decide not to test any further official sample of that seed lot for the purposes of paragraph (6) if the information contained in the previously issued report contains sufficient information to enable it (or the Department) to determine that the official sample would meet the conditions laid down in Part 2 of Schedule 4—

- (a) for the appropriate category of seed, and
- (b) where applicable, for any other category of seed to which paragraph (14) applies.

(8) Subject to paragraph (13), where—

- (a) the official sample is found to satisfy the conditions laid down in Part 2 of Schedule 4 for—
 - (i) the appropriate category of seed, and
 - (ii) where applicable, for any other category of seed to which paragraph (14) applies, or
- (b) the provisions of paragraph (7) apply,

the licensed seed testing station (or the Department where paragraph (3) or (4) applies) shall issue a seed test report to the applicant stating (by reference to the relevant category or categories of seed) that the seed lot has been found to meet those conditions.

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(9) Subject to paragraph (13), where it has been determined, by way of a Schedule 4 germination test, that the official sample taken from a regulation 11(1)(a) seed lot or a regulation 11(1)(b) seed lot will not meet the applicable germination condition but the sample is found to satisfy the other conditions laid down in Part 2 of Schedule 4 for the appropriate category of seed, the licensed seed testing station (or the Department where paragraph (3) or (4) applies), shall issue a seed test report to the applicant containing a statement to that effect.

(10) Where (otherwise than in connection with a retest of the seed) the results of a Schedule 4 germination test of an official sample of a seed lot referred to in paragraph (1) are awaited, and except for the result of that test, the official sample has otherwise been found to meet all the other conditions laid down in Part 2 of Schedule 4—

- (a) for the appropriate category of seed, and
- (b) where applicable, for any other category of seed to which paragraph (14) applies, the licensed seed testing station (or the Department in a case where paragraph (3) or (4) applies), shall, subject to paragraph (13), issue an interim seed test report to the applicant stating that the results of the Schedule 4 germination test for the official sample are awaited but that it has otherwise been found to meet all the other conditions laid down in Part 1 of Schedule 4 for the appropriate category of seed, and, where applicable for any relevant category of seed to which paragraph (14) applies.

(11) Where, following the issue of an interim seed test report under paragraph (10), the tested seed is found to meet the applicable germination condition, the licensed seed testing station (or the Department in a case where paragraph (3) or (4) applies), shall, subject to paragraph (13), issue a seed test report to the applicant stating that the official sample has been found to meet the conditions laid down in Part 2 of Schedule 4 for the appropriate category of seed, and, where applicable, for any other category of seed to which paragraph (14) applies.

(12) Subject to paragraphs (9) and (10), where an official sample of a seed lot referred to in paragraph (1) is found not to satisfy the conditions laid down in Part 2 of Schedule 4 for the appropriate category of seed, the licensed seed testing station (or the Department in a case where paragraph (3) or (4) applies) shall issue and send to the applicant a seed test report—

- (a) stating that the official sample has been found not to meet those conditions, and
- (b) subject to paragraph (13), in a case where the seed has been tested to determine whether it meets the conditions laid down in Part 2 of Schedule 4 for any other category of seed to which paragraph (14) applies, stating (by reference to the relevant category) whether the seed has been found to meet the conditions for any such category.

(13) If it appears to the Department that an official sample of the seed lot taken for the purpose of a test in order to ascertain whether it met the appropriate conditions laid down in Part 2 of Schedule 4 was not taken in accordance with the requirements of regulation 22 the Department may—

- (a) in a case where paragraph (3) or (4) applies, refuse to issue a seed test report in accordance with paragraph (8), (9), (10), (11) or (12)(b), and, in such a case shall notify the applicant of the Department's decision and the reason for it, or
- (b) in a case where paragraph (3) or (4) does not apply, direct the licensed seed testing station to refuse to issue a seed test report in accordance with paragraph (8), (9), (10), (11) or (12)(b) and the licensed seed testing station shall comply with that direction and shall notify the applicant of the reason for its refusal to issue the report.

(14) This paragraph applies to the following categories of seed—

- (a) in the case of an application made under this regulation relating to a regulation 11(1)(a) seed lot, to the categories of basic and CS seed, and
- (b) in the case of an application made under this regulation relating to a regulation 11(1)(b) seed lot, other than a component of a hybrid variety, to the category of pre-basic or CS seed.

- (15) In this regulation “qualifying seed lot” means a seed lot—
- (a) containing seed harvested from a crop produced in Northern Ireland for which a field inspection report has been issued in accordance with—
 - (i) regulation 8(9),
 - (ii) regulation 8(10), or
 - (iii) regulation 8(11) in a case where a crop has been found to meet the conditions laid down in Schedule 3 and Part 1 of Schedule 4 for the production of any category of seed referred to in regulation 8(11)(b);
 - (b) containing seed harvested from a crop produced in the United Kingdom elsewhere than in Northern Ireland—
 - (i) in respect of which the Department has received confirmation of crop approval by or on behalf of the Secretary of State, the Scottish Ministers or the National Assembly for Wales (as the case may be) that the crop meets conditions equivalent to those laid down in Schedule 3 and Part 1 of Schedule 4, or
 - (ii) for which a copy of the field inspection report relating to the crop has been lodged with the Department in accordance with regulation 9; or
 - (c) imported into the United Kingdom as not finally certified pre-basic, basic or CS seed harvested in another member State and for which the Annex V(C) document relating to the crop from which the seed lot was harvested has been lodged with the Department in accordance with regulation 9.

Commencement Information

111 Reg. 11 in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

Lodging of seed test reports

12.—(1) A registered person to whom a final seed test report has been sent shall lodge the report with the Department—

- (a) except in relation to seed to which sub-paragraph (b) applies, within one month of the report being issued or within such time as the Department may otherwise allow, and
 - (b) in a case where the seed to which the final seed test report relates—
 - (i) is of a variety that is not listed, or
 - (ii) is a component of a hybrid variety that is not listed,within one month of the date on which the variety or hybrid variety (as the case may be) is listed or within such time as the Department may otherwise allow.
- (2) An application to lodge a final seed test report—
- (a) shall be made in such form and manner as the Department may require, and
 - (b) shall be accompanied by the final seed test report and such other information and documents as the Department may require.
- (3) Subject to paragraph (4), the Department shall acknowledge receipt of each final seed test report lodged with the Department.
- (4) Subject to paragraph (5), unless specifically requested to do so by the applicant, the Department shall not individually acknowledge the receipt of each final seed test report lodged with the Department by the applicant but shall periodically provide the applicant with a list of those seed lots for which the applicant has lodged a final seed test report with the Department.

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(5) Where the Department has previously provided the applicant with a seed test report list, the list periodically provided to the applicant under paragraph (4) shall list only those seed lots for which the applicant has lodged a final seed test report with the Department during the period since it last provided the applicant with a seed test report list.

(6) In this regulation “final seed test report” means a seed test report issued in accordance with regulation 11(8), (9), (11) or (12).

Commencement Information

112 Reg. 12 in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

Re-grading of seed

13.—(1) An application to re-grade seed of any category specified in entry 1 or 2 in column 1 of the table in Schedule 5 as seed of any category (“the new category”) specified in entry 1 or 2 respectively in column 2 of the table may be made to the Department by a registered person.

(2) An application made under this regulation shall be made in such form and manner and at such time as the Department shall require and, if required by the Department, shall be accompanied by—

- (a) an official sample of the seed to which the application relates;
- (b) an application made under regulation 11 for the testing of an official sample of the seed lot; and
- (c) such other information and other documents as the Department may require for the purpose of determining the application.

(3) The Department—

- (a) may test or arrange for a licensed seed testing station to test an official sample of a seed lot in respect of which an application has been made under this regulation to re-grade—
 - (i) UK, EC or overseas tested officially certified pre-basic seed of a listed variety as UK officially certified basic seed of a listed variety, or
 - (ii) UK, EC or overseas tested officially certified basic seed of a listed variety as UK officially certified pre-basic seed of a listed variety, and
- (b) subject to paragraph (4), shall test or arrange for a seed testing station to test an official sample of the seed lot in the case of any other application made under this regulation, to determine whether it meets the conditions laid down in Part 2 of Schedule 4 for the new category of seed.

(4) Where a seed test report has previously been issued in accordance with regulation 11(8)(a), (9), (10),(11) or (12) in respect of a seed lot for which an application has been made under this regulation, the Department may decide not to test the official sample referred to in paragraph (2) for the purposes of paragraph 3(b) if the information contained in the previously issued report contains sufficient information to enable the Department to determine that the official sample would meet the conditions laid down in Part 2 of Schedule 4 for the appropriate category of seed.

(5) Where—

- (a) in the case of an application to re-grade seed as pre-basic or basic seed, the Department is satisfied that the seed has been produced by or under the responsibility of the breeder according to accepted practices for the maintenance of the variety;
- (b) in the case of an application to re-grade seed as pre-basic or basic seed—
 - (i) in a case where the seed was harvested from a crop produced in Northern Ireland, the Department carried out the field inspection of the crop;

- (ii) in a case where the seed was harvested from a crop produced in the United Kingdom elsewhere than in Northern Ireland, a field inspection of the crop was carried out by or on behalf of the Secretary of State, the Scottish Ministers or the National Assembly for Wales; and
- (iii) in a case where the seed was harvested from a crop produced in another member State, a field inspection of the crop was carried out by or on behalf of the seed certification authority in the member State;
- (c) in the case of an application to re-grade pre-basic seed as CS seed, the Department is satisfied that the seed has been produced from UK, EC or overseas tested officially certified pre-basic seed of a listed variety;
- (d) in the case of an application to re-grade basic seed as CS seed, the Department is satisfied that the seed has been harvested from a crop produced, with the breeder's written authority, directly from UK, EC or overseas tested officially certified pre-basic seed of a listed variety;
- (e) the Department is satisfied that the seed was harvested from a crop that met the conditions laid down in Schedule 3 and Part 1 of Schedule 4 for the production of the new category of seed;
- (f) in a case where the official sample referred to in paragraph (2) has been tested, it has been found to satisfy the conditions laid down in Part 2 of Schedule 4 for the new category of seed; and
- (g) in a case where the official sample referred to in paragraph (2) has not been tested, the Department is satisfied on the basis of the information contained in a seed test report previously issued in respect of the lot—
 - (i) by or on behalf of the Department, the Secretary of State, the Scottish Ministers or the National Assembly for Wales or by a licensed seed testing station, or
 - (ii) by or on behalf of the competent seed certification authority in another member State or by a licensed EC seed testing station in another member State,that the seed in the lot satisfies the conditions laid down in Part 2 of Schedule 4 for the new category of seed,

the Department shall notify the applicant that his application to re-grade the seed lot has been successful.

(6) Where the Department is satisfied that the conditions specified in paragraph (5) for the relevant category of seed have not been met, she shall notify the applicant that his application to re-grade the seed lot has been unsuccessful.

Commencement Information

I13 Reg. 13 in operation at 31.12.2009, see **reg. 1**

Withdrawals

14.—(1) The Department may withdraw the official certification in respect of a seed lot, or any part of a seed lot, if—

- (a) the findings or results obtained from a sample of seed submitted or taken in connection with an application made under regulation 6, 11 or 13 relating to the seed lot, or from plants grown in a control plot that has been sown with seed from that sample, are to be disregarded in accordance with regulation 22(7);

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- (b) on the basis of information received by the Department it is satisfied that the crop from which the seed in the seed lot was harvested did not meet the conditions laid down in Schedule 3 or Part 1 of Schedule 4; or
 - (c) on the basis of information received by the Department it is satisfied that the seed in the lot, or part of the lot—
 - (i) did not meet the conditions laid down in Part 2 or 3 of Schedule 4 at the time the seed was tested for seed certification purposes, or
 - (ii) although it met the requirements of Part 2 of Schedule 4 at the time of such testing it no longer meets them.
- (2) The Department may withdraw the official certification in respect of a seed lot, or any part of a seed lot, by giving notice to—
- (a) the person who made an application under regulation 11 in respect of the seed lot, or
 - (b) any person marketing, or who has marketed, any of the seed.
- (3) Where the official certification of a seed lot, or part of a seed lot, is withdrawn under this regulation, the Department may notify—
- (a) the person who made an application under regulation 11 in respect of the seed lot;
 - (b) any person marketing, or who has marketed, any of the seed; and any person who has purchased, or been supplied with, any of the seed,

that the official certification in respect of the lot, or part of the lot (as the case may be) has been withdrawn.
- (4) Where the official certification of a seed lot, or part of a seed lot, is withdrawn under this regulation, the person to whom notice is given under paragraph (2) shall, as soon as practicable, and in any case not later than seven days after receiving the notice, notify any person to whom any of the seed has been sold or supplied of such withdrawal.
- (5) Any person who has purchased seed from a seed lot, or part of a seed lot, for which official certification has been withdrawn under this regulation (not being a person notified under paragraph (2)) shall notify any person to whom any of the seed has been sold or supplied of the withdrawal as soon as practicable after receiving notice of—
- (a) pursuant to paragraph (3), by the Department, or
 - (b) pursuant to paragraph (4), by the person who sold or supplied the seed,
- and, in any case, not later than seven days after receiving such notice.

Commencement Information

I14 [Reg. 14](#) in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

PART 3

Control of vegetable seed

Marketing of seed

15.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2) and regulations 18 to 21, no person shall market any seed to which these Regulations apply except for seed listed in Schedule 6.

(2) Paragraph (1) shall not apply to the marketing of seed, as grown, for processing, provided that the identity of the seed is ensured.

(3) Any person marketing seed that has been imported from a third country and exceeds two kilograms shall supply the Department, in writing and within one month of the first marketing of the seed, with the following particulars relating to the seed—

- (a) the species;
- (b) the variety;
- (c) the category;
- (d) the country of production and the official inspection authority;
- (e) the country of despatch;
- (f) the importer; and
- (g) the quantity of seed.

Commencement Information

I15 [Reg. 15](#) in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

Marketing of officially certified lower germination seed

16. A person shall not market officially certified pre-basic or basic seed that has been found by the competent seed certification authority that certified the seed not to satisfy the germination condition for such seed, or (regardless of the findings of the competent seed certification authority) the person marketing the seed knows does not satisfy that condition, unless—

- (a) the official label contains a statement that the minimum percentage of germination of the seed is less than the EC minimum percentage of germination for the relevant category of seed;
- (b) the person marketing the seed guarantees a specific minimum percentage of germination for the seed; and
- (c) another label is attached to the outside of the package containing the seed specifying the specific minimum percentage of germination guaranteed by the person marketing the seed, his name and address and the reference number of the seed lot.

Commencement Information

I16 [Reg. 16](#) in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

Marketing of officially certified early movement seed

17.—(1) A person shall not market officially certified early movement pre-basic or basic seed unless that person—

- (a) guarantees a minimum percentage of germination for the seed that is—
 - (i) the same as the EC minimum percentage of germination for the relevant species of seed and the same as or less than the percentage of germination for the seed ascertained by the provisional analysis on which the certification of the seed was based, or
 - (ii) less than the EC minimum percentage of germination for the relevant species of seed and the same as the percentage of germination ascertained by the provisional analysis on which the certification of the seed was based, and
- (b) that person provides the purchaser, upon or before delivery of the seed, with a statement—

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- (i) stating that the seeds are being marketed before the completion of the official germination test;
 - (ii) specifying the guaranteed minimum percentage of germination; and
 - (iii) specifying the name and address of the person marketing the seed and the reference number of the seed lot.
- (2) A person shall not market officially certified early movement CS seed unless that person—
- (a) guarantees a minimum percentage of germination for the seed that is—
 - (i) the same as the EC minimum percentage of germination for the relevant species of seed, and
 - (ii) the same as, or less than, the percentage of germination for the seed ascertained by the provisional analysis on which the certification of the seed was based, and
 - (b) provides the purchaser, upon or before delivery of the seed, with a statement—
 - (i) stating that the seeds are being marketed before the completion of the official germination test;
 - (ii) specifying the guaranteed minimum percentage of germination; and
 - (iii) specifying the name and address of the person marketing the seed and the reference number of the seed lot.
- (3) Where any person—
- (a) markets seed in accordance with paragraph (1) or (2), and
 - (b) the official germination test shows that the percentage of germination of the seed is less than the minimum percentage of germination guaranteed in accordance with the requirements of paragraph (1)(a) or (2)(a) as the case may be,
- that person shall provide the purchaser with the result of the completed official germination test as soon as practicable and, in any event, not later than seven days after being informed of it.

Commencement Information

I17 [Reg. 17](#) in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

Exception for scientific purposes and selection work

18.—(1) The prohibition in regulation 15(1) shall not apply to the marketing by a producer of small quantities of seed for scientific purposes or selection work for which—

- (a) an authorisation has been granted to the producer by the Department in accordance with this regulation, or
 - (b) an authorisation has been granted to the producer by or on behalf of—
 - (i) the Secretary of State;
 - (ii) the Scottish Ministers;
 - (iii) the National Assembly for Wales; or
 - (iv) a competent seed certification authority in another member State, pursuant to Article 23(1)(a) of the Vegetable Seed Directive.
- (2) A producer in Northern Ireland may apply to the Department for a regulation 18 authorisation.

(3) An application made under this regulation shall be made in such form and manner and at such time as the Department shall require and shall be accompanied by such information as the Department may require for the purpose of determining whether to grant an authorisation.

(4) The Department shall not grant a regulation 18 authorisation in respect of seed of a genetically modified variety unless an authorisation is in force in respect of the variety concerned under either—

- (a) Part C of the Deliberate Release Directive; or
- (b) the Food and Feed Regulation.

(5) A regulation 18 authorisation may—

- (a) specify the amount of seed that may be marketed under it, and
- (b) impose such conditions as the Department may think necessary or desirable having regard to the nature of the scientific purpose or selection work involved and the nature of the seed to which the authorisation relates, including a condition relating to the keeping of records in respect of the marketing of the seed.

Commencement Information

I18 Reg. 18 in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

Exception for market test seed

19.—(1) The prohibition in regulation 15(1) shall not apply to the marketing by a breeder of seed in accordance with—

- (a) an authorisation which has been granted to the breeder by the Department in accordance with this regulation; or
- (b) an authorisation which has been granted to the breeder by or on behalf of—
 - (i) the Secretary of State;
 - (ii) the Scottish Ministers;
 - (iii) the National Assembly for Wales; or
 - (iv) a competent seed certification authority in another member State,

in accordance with Article 20(1) of the 2004 Commission Decision.

(2) A breeder shall not market test seed—

- (a) except for the purposes of gaining knowledge from practical experience during cultivation;
- (b) unless the seed satisfies the conditions laid down in Schedule 4; or
- (c) if such marketing would contravene a prohibition on the use of the variety published by the Department in the gazette that complies with Article 33 of the 2004 Commission Decision.

(3) A breeder of seed established in Northern Ireland may apply to the Department for the grant or renewal of a regulation 19 authorisation.

(4) A regulation 19 authorisation granted by the Department—

- (a) shall last for a period of one year or such shorter period as the Department may specify; and
- (b) may be renewed no more than twice.

(5) An application for authorisation or renewal of a regulation 19 authorisation shall be made in writing to the Department and shall be accompanied by such information as the Department may require.

(6) The Department shall not grant a regulation 19 authorisation unless it is satisfied that—

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- (a) an application has been submitted by the breeder to the relevant authority—
 - (i) under regulation 4(1)(a) of the Seeds (National Lists of Varieties) Regulations 2001 for acceptance of the variety on to a National List; or
 - (ii) in another member State for inclusion of the variety in a national catalogue equivalent to a National List,

that has not been withdrawn or finally determined and for which any technical information that may be required in support of such an application has been submitted; and

- (b) in the case of seed of a genetically modified variety, an authorisation is in force in respect of the variety under either—
 - (i) Part C of the Deliberate Release Directive; or
 - (ii) the Food and Feed Regulation.

(7) A regulation 19 authorisation may impose such conditions as the Department may think necessary or desirable having regard to the nature of the cultivation and the nature of the seed to which the authorisation relates.

(8) The Department may withdraw a regulation 19 authorisation where there is a breach of any condition referred to in paragraph (7).

(9) A regulation 19 authorisation shall cease to have effect where the application referred to in paragraph (6)(a) is withdrawn or rejected or the variety is entered in a National List or the Common Catalogue.

(10) The Department may require a person to whom he has granted a regulation 19 authorisation to provide him with information about—

- (a) the knowledge gained from practical experience during cultivation of the variety; or
- (b) the quantities of seed marketed during the authorised period and the name of the member State for which the seed was destined.

Commencement Information

I19 [Reg. 19](#) in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

[^{F7}Marketing seed of conservation varieties

19A.—(1) The prohibition in regulation 15(1) shall not apply to the marketing of seed of a conservation variety, certified seed of a conservation variety and standard seed of a conservation variety, which is in accordance with this regulation.

(2) The Department shall ascertain, so far as is practicable, whether seed of a conservation variety has sufficient varietal purity by the use of official post control and the consideration of any other relevant information.

(3) Where the results of official post control show that the seed does not have sufficient varietal purity, the Department shall notify in writing the person marketing the relevant seed lot of that fact.

(4) Where, in the case of standard seed of a conservation variety, notice is given under paragraph (3), no further marketing of the relevant seed lot shall occur.

(5) A person shall not market seed of a conservation variety other than in its region of origin or additional region.

(6) A person proposing to produce seed of a conservation variety must supply the Department, in such manner and form as the Department shall require, with the following details in writing—

- (a) the size (in hectares); and

- (b) the location,
of the area to be used to produce the seed.

(7) For the purposes of Article 15 (quantitative restrictions) of Commission Directive 2009/145, the Department may specify the maximum amount of seed of a conservation variety which may be marketed in any given growing season and specify different maxima for different persons or classes of person.

(8) Where a person proposing to produce seed of a conservation variety has supplied the Department with details under paragraph (6), the Department may in writing authorise the person to market seed of a conservation variety not exceeding the amount specified in the authorisation and shall give notice of that authorisation to the person.

(9) A person shall not market more than the maximum amount of seed of a conservation variety specified in an authorisation given to that person under paragraph (8).

(10) A person shall not market a package of seed of a conservation variety unless it has been sealed by the supplier using a non-reusable sealing system or some other sealing system—

- (a) including the use of a label or the affixing of a seal; and
(b) in such a manner that the package cannot be opened without damaging the sealing system or without leaving evidence of tampering on the label or the package.]

Textual Amendments

F7 Regs. 19A-19C inserted (11.4.2011) by virtue of [The Vegetable Seeds \(Amendment\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2011 \(S.R. 2011/38\)](#), regs. 1, 4

[^{F7}Marketing seed of amateur varieties

19B.—(1) The prohibition in regulation 15(1) shall not apply to the marketing of standard seed of an amateur variety which is in accordance with this regulation.

(2) The Department shall ascertain, so far as is practicable, whether standard seed of an amateur variety has sufficient varietal purity by the use of official post control and the consideration of any other relevant information.

(3) Where the results of official post control show that the seed does not have sufficient varietal purity, the Department shall notify in writing the person marketing the relevant seed lot of that fact.

(4) Where, in the case of standard seed of an amateur variety, notice is given under paragraph (3), no further marketing of the relevant seed lot shall occur.

(5) The seed must be in a package not exceeding the maximum net weight specified for each species in Annex II to Commission Directive [2009/145/EC](#).

(6) A person shall not market a package of standard seed of an amateur variety unless it has been sealed by the supplier using a non-reuseable sealing system or some other sealing system—

- (a) including the use of a label or the affixing of a seal; and
(b) in such a manner that the package cannot be opened with damaging the sealing system or without leaving evidence of tampering on the label or the package.]

Textual Amendments

F7 Regs. 19A-19C inserted (11.4.2011) by virtue of [The Vegetable Seeds \(Amendment\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2011 \(S.R. 2011/38\)](#), regs. 1, 4

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[^{F7}19C The prohibition in regulation 15(1) shall not apply to the marketing of standard seed of an amateur variety which has been produced and packaged in a Member state other than the United Kingdom and which has been sealed in accordance with Article 29 and labelled in accordance with Article 30 of Commission Directive 2009/145.]

Textual Amendments

F7 Regs. 19A-19C inserted (11.4.2011) by virtue of [The Vegetable Seeds \(Amendment\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2011 \(S.R. 2011/38\)](#), regs. 1, 4

General exemptions

20.—(1) The prohibition in regulation 15(1) shall not apply to the marketing of seed that is authorised by a general licence made by the Department under this regulation but in all other respects the provisions of these Regulations shall continue to apply in relation to the marketing of the seed.

(2) Subject to paragraph (3), the Department may, by a general licence, exempt any person or class of persons, or persons generally, from compliance with any provision of these Regulations.

(3) The Department shall not exercise the power to issue a general licence under paragraph (2) except—

- (a) to the extent that the provisions of the general licence are permitted in accordance with a temporary experiment organised under Article 33 of the Vegetable Seed Directive;
- (b) to give effect to the provisions of a Council Decision made under Article 37(c) or (d) of the Vegetable Seed Directive and amendments made to such a Decision; or
- (c) to the extent that the provisions of the general licence are permitted in accordance with measures taken pursuant to Article 38(1) of the Vegetable Seed Directive.

(4) A general licence issued under paragraph (2)—

- (a) shall have effect during the period specified in it unless the Department revokes it earlier, and
- (b) may impose such conditions as the Department may think necessary or desirable having regard to the marketing permitted by the general licence and the nature of the seed to which it relates, including a condition relating to the keeping of records in respect of the marketing of the seed.

Commencement Information

I20 [Reg. 20](#) in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

Mixtures

21.—(1) The prohibition in regulation 15(1) shall not apply to the marketing by a producer in the United Kingdom of—

- (a) a mixture of different varieties of standard seed of lettuce, or
- (b) a mixture of different varieties of standard seed of radish,

marketed in a package containing not more than 50 grams of seed.

(2) The prohibition in regulation 15(1) shall not apply to the marketing of a mixture of seeds permitted by the Fodder Plant Seed Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009(12) that includes seed of a species to which these Regulations apply and that complied with the provisions of these Regulations before mixing with the fodder plant seed.

Commencement Information

I21 Reg. 21 in operation at 31.12.2009, see **reg. 1**

Sampling

22.—(1) A sample of seeds taken in connection with a regulation 6, 11 or 13 application shall be drawn—

- (a) by—
 - (i) an authorised officer, or
 - (ii) a licensed seed sampler acting under the supervision of the authority who appointed him;
- (b) in accordance with the method laid down in Schedule 5 of the Seed (Registration, Licensing and Enforcement) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009; and
- (c) from a homogeneous seed lot.

(2) A sample of seeds taken in connection with a regulation 19 application shall be drawn from a homogeneous lot.

(3) Subject to paragraph (4), the maximum weight of a seed lot shall be that set out in column (2) of the table in Schedule 7.

(4) A seed lot may exceed the maximum weight for a seed lot set out in column (2) of the table in Schedule 7 by not more than 5 per cent.

(5) Subject to paragraph (6), the minimum weight of a sample shall be that set out in column (3) of the table in Schedule 7.

(6) In the case of a component of an F1 hybrid variety or an F1 hybrid variety of seed the minimum weight of a sample shall be a quarter of that set out in column (3) of the table in Schedule 7, except that no sample shall weigh less than 5 grams or consist of less than 400 seeds

(7) If a sample of seeds submitted or taken in connection with an application made under regulation 6, 11 or 13 or 19—

- (a) is found not to have been taken in accordance with paragraph (1) or (2);
- (b) is taken from a seed lot that does not comply with paragraph (3); or
- (c) does not comply with paragraph (5) or (6);

no further use of that sample shall be made under these Regulations, and any findings or results already obtained from testing seed taken from that sample, or from inspecting plants grown in a control plot that has been sown with seed from that sample, shall be disregarded.

[^{F8}(8) A sample of seed of a conservation variety or standard seed of an amateur variety taken for the purposes of checking compliance with these Regulations shall be taken in accordance with the requirements contained in Schedule 5 of the Seeds (Registration, Licensing and Enforcement) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009.

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(9) If a sample of seed of a conservation variety or standard seed of an amateur variety taken for the purposes of an examination is found not to have been taken in accordance with the requirements of seeds regulations, no examination or no further examination shall be made of that sample and any finding shall be null and void.]

Textual Amendments

F8 Reg. 22(8)(9) inserted (11.4.2011) by [The Vegetable Seeds \(Amendment\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2011 \(S.R. 2011/38\)](#), regs. 1, **5(1)**

Commencement Information

I22 Reg. 22 in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

Packaging

23.—(1) A person shall not market any—

- (a) officially certified pre-basic, basic or CS seed, or
- (b) standard seed,

unless it is marketed in a sufficiently homogeneous seed lot or in part of such a seed lot.

(2) Subject to paragraph (3), a person shall not market any—

- (a) breeder’s seed;
- (b) officially certified pre-basic, basic or CS seed; or
- (c) standard seed, or
- (d) market test seed,

unless it is in a properly sealed package.

(3) Paragraph (2)(a)(b) and(c) shall not apply in the case of the marketing of—

- (a) legume seed not exceeding three kilograms in weight, or
- (b) seed of a species specified in Schedule 2, other than legume seed, not exceeding one kilogram in weight,

to the final consumer.

(4) In this regulation, in the case of breeder’s seed, “properly sealed package” means a sealed package of seed that has been sealed in such a manner that it cannot be opened without damaging the sealing system or without leaving evidence of tampering on the label or package.

(5) In this regulation, in the case of a package of seed to which paragraph (6) applies and that has been sealed only once, “properly sealed package” means—

- (a) in the case of a package of seed sealed in Northern Ireland, a sealed package of seed that has been sealed—
 - (i) no later than at the time of official sampling;
 - (ii) by a person to whom regulation 24(5) applies;
 - (iii) using a non-reusable sealing system or some other sealing system that includes the use of an official label or the affixing of an official seal; and
 - (iv) in such a manner that it cannot be opened without damaging the sealing system or without leaving evidence of tampering on the official label or package; and
- (b) in the case of a package of seed sealed in—

- (i) in the United Kingdom, elsewhere than in Northern Ireland, or
- (ii) in another member State,

a sealed package of seed that has been sealed in accordance with the provisions of Article 27(1) of the Vegetable Seed Directive.

(6) This paragraph applies to a package of officially certified pre-basic, basic or CS seed other than—

- (a) a small package of pre-basic or basic seed sealed in the United Kingdom, or
- (b) a small package of CS seed.

(7) In this regulation, in the case of a small package of officially certified pre-basic or basic seed that has been sealed in the United Kingdom “properly sealed package” means a sealed package of seed that has been sealed in such a manner that it cannot be opened without damaging the sealing system or without leaving evidence of tampering on the label or package.

(8) In this regulation, in the case of a small package of officially certified CS seed that has been sealed only once, “properly sealed package” means—

- (a) in the case of a package of seed sealed in Northern Ireland, a sealed package of seed that has been sealed in such a manner that it cannot be opened without damaging the sealing system or without leaving evidence of tampering on the label or package; and
- (b) in the case of a package of seed sealed in—
 - (i) the United Kingdom, elsewhere than in Northern Ireland, or
 - (ii) another member State,

a sealed package of seed that has been sealed in accordance with the relevant provisions of Article 27(3) of the Vegetable Seed Directive.

(9) In this regulation, in the case of a package of seed to which paragraph (10) applies and that has been sealed more than once, “properly sealed package” means—

- (a) in the case of a package of seed that has been resealed in Northern Ireland, a sealed package of seed that, on each occasion it has been resealed, has been resealed—
 - (i) by a person to whom regulation 24(5) applies, and
 - (ii) in such a manner that it cannot be opened without damaging the sealing system or without leaving evidence of tampering on the official label or package; and
- (b) in the case of a package of seed that has been resealed in—
 - (i) the United Kingdom, elsewhere than in Northern Ireland, or
 - (ii) another member State,

a sealed package of seed that, on each occasion it has been resealed, has been resealed in accordance with the provisions of Article 27(2) of the Vegetable Seed Directive.

(10) This paragraph applies to a package of officially certified pre-basic, basic or CS seed including a small package of CS seed but excluding a small package of pre-basic or basic seed sealed in the United Kingdom.

(11) In this regulation, in the case of a package of standard seed, other than a small package of standard seed, “properly sealed package” means a sealed package of seed that has been sealed in such a manner that it cannot be opened without damaging the sealing system or without leaving evidence of tampering on the label or package and to which a lead or an equivalent sealing device has been attached by the person responsible for attaching the label referred to in regulation 25(8)

(12) In this regulation, in the case of a small package of standard seed, “properly sealed package” means a sealed package of seed that has been sealed in such a manner that it cannot be opened without damaging the sealing system or without leaving evidence of tampering on the label or package.

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(13) In this regulation, in the case of market test seed, a “properly sealed package” means a package of seed that has been sealed in such a manner that it cannot be opened without damaging the sealing system or without leaving evidence of tampering on the label or package.

Commencement Information

I23 [Reg. 23](#) in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

Sealing of packages

24.—(1) Subject to paragraph (3), a person shall not seal a package of officially certified pre-basic, basic or CS seed except a person to whom paragraph (4) applies.

(2) Paragraph (1) shall not apply to the sealing of a small package of officially certified pre-basic, basic or CS seed.

(3) Subject to paragraph (5), a person shall not reseal a package (including a small package) of officially certified pre-basic, basic or CS seed except a person to whom paragraph (4) applies.

(4) This paragraph applies to—

- (a) an authorised officer and any person being supervised by such a person, and
- (b) a licensed seed sampler and any person being supervised by such a person.

(5) Paragraph (4) shall not apply where a package has been resealed which had previously been opened by the final consumer of the seed for the purpose of using some of the seed in the package.

Commencement Information

I24 [Reg. 24](#) in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

Labelling of packages

25.—(1) Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3), a person shall not market—

- (a) breeder’s seed;
- (b) officially certified pre-basic, basic or CS seed; or
- (c) standard seed; or
- (d) market test seed;
- [^{F9}(e) seed of a conservation variety; or
- (f) standard seed of an amateur variety.]

except in a package that is labelled in accordance with this regulation.

(2) Paragraph (1) shall not apply to the marketing of seed, as grown, for processing provided the identity of the seed is ensured.

(3) [^{F10}Except in relation to seed of a conservation variety or standard seed of an amateur variety.] a person may market any seeds other than market test seed otherwise than in a package that complies with the other provisions of this regulation where—

- (a) the seeds are sold in a quantity—
 - (i) not exceeding three kilograms in the case of legume seed, and
 - (ii) not exceeding one kilogram in the case of seed of a species specified in Schedule 2 other than legume seed; and

- (b) the seeds are taken, in the presence of the final consumer, from a container on which there is clearly and visibly marked or near which there is clearly and visibly displayed a statement containing particulars of the matters specified in paragraph 1 of Schedule 8.

(4) A package of breeder's seed shall be labelled in accordance with paragraphs 2 and 3 of Schedule 8.

(5) A package of officially certified pre-basic seed shall be labelled—

- (a) in the case of a package of seed sealed in Northern Ireland, in accordance with paragraphs 4 to 8 of Schedule 8, and
- (b) in the case of a package of seed sealed—
 - (i) in the United Kingdom, elsewhere than in Northern Ireland, or
 - (ii) in another member State,

in accordance with the provisions of Article 35(c) of the Vegetable Seed Directive.

(6) A package of officially certified basic or CS seed, other than a small package of CS seed, shall be labelled—

- (a) in the case of a package of seed sealed in Northern Ireland, in accordance with paragraphs 9 to 14 of Schedule 8, and
- (b) in the case of a package of seed sealed—
 - (i) in the United Kingdom, elsewhere than in Northern Ireland, or
 - (ii) in another member State,

in accordance with the provisions of Article 28(1) of the Vegetable Seed Directive.

(7) A small package of officially certified CS seed shall be labelled—

- (a) in the case of a package of seed sealed in Northern Ireland, in accordance with paragraphs 15 to 17 of Schedule 8, and
- (b) in the case of a package of seed sealed—
 - (i) in the United Kingdom, elsewhere than in Northern Ireland, or
 - (ii) in another member State,

in accordance with the provisions of Article 28(3) of the Vegetable Seed Directive.

(8) A package of standard seed, other than a small package of such seed, shall be labelled—

- (a) in the case of a package of seed sealed in Northern Ireland, in accordance with paragraphs 18 to 22 of Schedule 8, and
- (b) in the case of a package of seed sealed—
 - (i) in the United Kingdom, elsewhere than in Northern Ireland, or
 - (ii) in another member State,

in accordance with the provisions of the first and second sub-paragraphs of Article 28(3) of the Vegetable Seed Directive.

(9) A small package of standard seed, other than a small package of a mixture of standard seeds of the type specified in regulation 21(1), shall be labelled—

- (a) in the case of a package of seed sealed in Northern Ireland, in accordance with paragraphs 23 to 26 of Schedule 8, and
- (b) in the case of a package of seed sealed—
 - (i) in the United Kingdom, elsewhere than in Northern Ireland, or
 - (ii) in another member State,

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in accordance with the provisions of the first sub-paragraph of Article 28(3) of the Vegetable Seed Directive.

(10) A small package of a mixture of standard seeds of the type specified in regulation 21(1) shall be labelled in accordance with paragraphs 27 to 30 of Schedule 8.

(11) A package of officially certified basic or CS seed (other than a small package of CS seed) shall contain a document which—

- (a) in the case of a package of seed sealed in Northern Ireland—
 - (i) is of the same colour as the official label fixed to the outside of the package in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (6)(a) in the case of basic and CS seed, and
 - (ii) that contains at least the particulars specified in paragraph 9(c), (e), (f) and (g) of Schedule 8, and
- (b) in the case of a package of seed sealed—
 - (i) in the United Kingdom, elsewhere than in Northern Ireland, or
 - (ii) in another member State,

is in accordance with the provisions of Article 28(1)(b) of the Vegetable Seed Directive.

(12) The provisions of paragraph (11) shall not apply if—

- (a) the particulars specified in paragraph (11)(a)(ii) are printed indelibly on the outside of the package;
- (b) the official label is inside a transparent package and can be read through the package; or
- (c) the official label is an adhesive or a tear resistant label.

(13) A package of market test seed shall be labelled—

- (a) in the case of a package of seed sealed in Northern Ireland, in accordance with paragraphs 33, 34 and 35 of Schedule 8; and
- (b) in the case of a package of seed sealed—
 - (i) in the United Kingdom, elsewhere than in Northern Ireland, or
 - (ii) in another member State,

in accordance with the provisions of Article 28 of the 2004 Commission decision

(14) In the case of seed of a variety that has been genetically modified—

- (a) any label or document, official or otherwise, which is fixed to or accompanies a seed lot or any part of a seed lot under the provisions of these Regulations, and
- (b) any particulars given under paragraph (3),

shall clearly indicate that the variety has been genetically modified.

(15) If any breeder's seed or officially certified pre-basic, basic, CS or standard seed or market test seed has been subjected to any chemical treatment then this fact and the nature of the treatment or the proprietary name of the chemical used in the treatment shall be stated either—

- (a) in a case where paragraph (3) applies, with the particulars given in accordance with that paragraph; and
- (b) in a case where paragraph (3) does not apply—
 - (i) on a separate supplier's label on the package; or
 - (ii) on the label required under paragraph (4), (5), (6), (7), (8), (9) (10) or (13);

and also, except where the information prescribed by this paragraph is given on an adhesive or tear-resistant label, either on the outside of the package or on a document enclosed inside the package.

(16) If a package of officially certified pre-basic, basic or CS seed (other than a small package of such seed) shall have been resealed this fact shall be stated on the official label together with the date of resealing and the name of the authority responsible for the resealing.

(17) The particulars and the information given in accordance with this regulation shall be given in one of the official languages of any member State.

[^{F11}(17A) A package of seed of a conservation variety shall bear a supplier's label or a printed or stamped notice containing the information specified in Part 8 of Schedule 8 (and for the avoidance of doubt neither an official label nor an official inner label is required).

(17B) A package of standard seed of an amateur variety shall bear a supplier's label or a printed or stamped notice containing the information specified in Part 9 of Schedule 8 (and for the avoidance of doubt neither an official label nor an official inner label is required).]

(18) Subject to the provisions of the Act and of these Regulations, a person shall not, in the course of the marketing or the preparation for marketing of any seed by himself or another person, wilfully reproduce, remove, alter, deface, conceal or misuse in any way any label fixed to, contained in or marked on any package of seed or which is to be so fixed, contained or marked.

Textual Amendments

- F9** Reg. 25(1)(e)(f) inserted (11.4.2011) by virtue of [The Vegetable Seeds \(Amendment\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2011 \(S.R. 2011/38\)](#), regs. 1, **6(1)**
- F10** Words in reg. 25(3) inserted (11.4.2011) by virtue of [The Vegetable Seeds \(Amendment\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2011 \(S.R. 2011/38\)](#), regs. 1, **6(2)**
- F11** Reg. 25(17A)(17B) inserted (11.4.2011) by [The Vegetable Seeds \(Amendment\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2011 \(S.R. 2011/38\)](#), regs. 1, **6(2)**

Commencement Information

- I25** [Reg. 25](#) in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

Special provisions that apply in connection with the marketing of standard seed

26.—(1) A person who in the course of marketing of any standard seed affixes a label or prints or stamps any particulars, or causes any of those things to be done, in accordance with regulation 25(8), (9) or (10), shall maintain and keep available for inspection by an authorised officer a record of the dates on which and of the packages on which such each label was affixed or particulars printed or stamped and shall, if required by the Department, furnish the Department with a copy of such record.

(2) A person to whom paragraph (1) applies shall keep and retain for a period of at least three years a record of the seed lots of standard seed marketed by him and, if so required by the Department, shall produce such record to the Department.

(3) A person to whom paragraph (1) applies shall keep and retain for a period of at least two years a sample of the seed lots of standard seed marketed by him of at least the appropriate minimum weight specified in Schedule 7 and, if so required by the Department, shall deliver any such sample to the Department.

Commencement Information

- I26** [Reg. 26](#) in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

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27. A person who, in the course of marketing any market test seed, affixes a label or prints or stamps any particulars, or causes any of those things to be done, in accordance with regulation 25(13) shall—

- (a) keep for a period of three years a record of the seed lots of the market test seed and, if so required by the Department, shall produce such record to the Department; and
- (b) keep for a period of two years a sample of seed from each seed lot and, if so required by the Department, shall deliver such sample to the Department.

Commencement Information

I27 Reg. 27 in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

PART 4

Miscellaneous and supplemental provisions

Civil liability of sellers of seeds

28.—(1) Particulars given to a purchaser by the seller of seed in pursuance of these Regulations, whether given expressly or by implication arising from the description under which the seed is sold, shall constitute a statutory warranty for the purpose of section 4 of the Act in so far as they relate to the category of seed, the percentage germination of the seed, the percentage analytical purity of the seed, the content of seed of other plant species and the varietal identity and varietal purity of the seed or, in the case of a mixture of seed permitted by regulation 21, of each of its constituents to which these Regulations apply.

(2) Section 4 (2) of the Act shall apply to any particulars given to a purchaser by the seller of seed, being particulars given or implied as in paragraph (1), in so far as they relate to the percentage germination, the percentage analytical purity or the content of seed of other plant species and there are hereby prescribed in respect of such matters the limits of variation set out in Schedule 9.

(3) Section 4 (3) of the Act shall apply to any particulars given to a purchaser by the seller of the seed, being particulars given or implied as in paragraph (1), in so far as they relate to the percentage germination, the percentage analytical purity or the content of seed of other plant species.

(4) A purchaser who intends to obtain a test of seed for the purposes of section 4(3) of the Act shall, not more than ten days after delivery to him of the seed, give to the seller notice of that intention and thereupon the seller may indicate a day (not being more than twenty-one days after the delivery of the seed to the purchaser) and a reasonable time on that day at which a sample of the seed may be taken in the presence of the seller or the seller's representative and the purchaser shall afford to the seller reasonable facilities for that purpose.

(5) On the day and at the time appointed by the seller in accordance with paragraph (4) or, if the seller shall have failed to appoint such a day and time, on a day not more than twenty-eight days after delivery of the seed to the purchaser, the purchaser or the purchaser's representative may, and if the seller or the seller's representative is present shall, take a sample of seed.

(6) A sample taken in accordance with the requirements of paragraph (5) shall be taken and divided by the purchaser or his representative into two parts in accordance with the requirements contained in Schedule 5 of the Seed (Registration, Licensing and Enforcement) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009, of which one part shall be sent to the chief officer of an official testing station for the purpose of being tested and the other part delivered or tendered to the seller or the

seller's representative or, if the seller or the seller's representative was not present when the sample was taken, sent to him by post.

(7) Where a sample is taken in accordance with the requirements of paragraph (5) and divided into two parts in accordance with paragraph (6) each part of the divided sample shall be of at least the appropriate minimum weight specified in Schedule 7 (lots and sample weights) of these Regulations.

Commencement Information

I28 Reg. 28 in operation at 31.12.2009, see reg. 1

Arrangements for official measures

29.—(1) Subject to the following provisions of this regulation, the Department may make arrangements, in such form as it is of the opinion may be necessary or desirable, for the purpose of enabling any person to act under the Department's responsibility in carrying out official measures.

(2) The Department shall not make an arrangement under this regulation unless it is satisfied that it will make provision for the purpose of preventing the person with whom the arrangement is made, and any other person, from—

- (a) deriving any private gain from any official measures carried out under the arrangement, and
- (b) carrying out any official measures under the arrangement except under the supervision of the Department.

(3) An arrangement under this regulation may include such conditions as the Department is of the opinion are necessary or desirable for the purposes referred to in paragraphs (1) and (2) above, including conditions—

- (a) specifying—
 - (i) the official measures that the person with whom the arrangement is made shall carry out under it;
 - (ii) the species and category of seed in respect of which that person may carry out the official measures;
 - (iii) the methods to be used in connection with the official measures that person carries out under the arrangement;
 - (iv) the fees that may be charged by the person with whom the arrangement is made in relation to the official measures carried out under it; and
 - (v) the records that must be kept by the person with whom the arrangement is made in connection with the official measures carried out;
- (b) prohibiting the person with whom the arrangement is made from—
 - (i) carrying out the official measures except under official supervision, and
 - (ii) charging fees in relation to the official measures carried out under the arrangement except to the extent that these do not exceed the costs incurred in carrying them out; and
- (c) prohibiting the person with whom the arrangement is made from making any further arrangement for any purpose in connection with the carrying out of any of the official measures arranged with the Department, unless—
 - (i) the Department has first approved all the conditions of the further arrangement and the person with whom the arrangement was made has received the prior approval of the Department to make the further arrangement;

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- (ii) the further arrangement includes a condition prohibiting the making of any subsequent arrangements for any purpose in connection with the carrying out of any of the official measures in respect of which the Department made the arrangement;
- (iii) the further arrangement includes an acknowledgement by the person with whom it is made that the Department may vary, suspend or revoke the further arrangement, whether or not it also varies, suspends or revokes the arrangement it made with the person seeking approval for the further arrangement; and
- (iv) the further arrangement includes the conditions specified in sub-paragraphs (a) and (b).

(4) The Department shall not approve the making of a further arrangement by any person with whom it makes an arrangement under this regulation unless it is satisfied that the person with whom the further arrangement is to be made—

- (a) will not derive any private gain from any official measures that person is to be authorised to carry out under the further arrangement, and
- (b) will not carry out any official measures under the further arrangement except under official supervision.

(5) The Department may vary, suspend or revoke an arrangement or the conditions of an arrangement made under this regulation, or a further arrangement or any of the conditions of a further arrangement under this regulation, by giving notice to the person with whom the arrangement or further arrangement is made, and a further arrangement may be varied, suspended or revoked under this paragraph notwithstanding that the arrangement in respect of which it was made is not also varied, suspended or revoked.

(6) A notice of a variation, suspension or revocation of an arrangement or further arrangement, or of a condition of an arrangement or further arrangement, shall specify—

- (a) in respect of a variation or a revocation, a date on and after which the variation or revocation shall have effect, and
- (b) in respect of a suspension, a period during which suspension shall have effect, and the variation, suspension or revocation shall have effect in accordance with the notice.

(7) When a variation, suspension or revocation has effect the Department may, for any purpose in relation to these Regulations or a determination under these Regulations, continue to have regard to such of the official measures carried out under an arrangement which was varied, suspended or revoked as appear to the Department to be official measures carried out in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations.

Commencement Information

I29 [Reg. 29](#) in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

Fees

30.—(1) The Department may charge any person reasonable fees in respect of costs reasonably incurred by the Department in carrying out official measures for the purposes of these Regulations.

(2) The Department may charge any person concerned in any matter connected with these Regulations reasonable fees in respect of costs reasonably incurred by the Department in connection with that matter for the purposes of these Regulations, including the costs reasonably incurred by an officer authorised for the purposes of these Regulations by the Department in connection with—

- (a) the taking of samples in accordance with regulation 22;

- (b) the sealing of packages in accordance with regulations 23 and 24; and
- (c) the labelling of packages in accordance with regulation 25.

(3) A person carrying out official measures in accordance with an arrangement or further arrangement under regulation 29 may charge any person, including any other person with whom an arrangement or further arrangement has been made under regulation 29, reasonable fees in respect of costs reasonably incurred in carrying out official measures under the responsibility of the Department in accordance with these Regulations.

(4) All fees payable under these Regulations in connection with any application shall be payable—

- (a) at the time the application is made, or
- (b) with the agreement of the Department or a person carrying out official measures in accordance with an arrangement or further arrangement under regulation 29 (as the case may be), within twenty-eight days following notice from the Department or that person (as the case may be) demanding the fee payable in respect of such application.

(5) All other fees payable under these Regulations shall be payable within twenty-eight days following the issue of a notice under these Regulations demanding the payment of the fee.

(6) A fee charged in accordance with this regulation shall be recoverable as a debt from the person by whom the fee is payable.

Commencement Information

I30 [Reg. 30](#) in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

Index of defined words and expressions

31. Schedule 10 contains an index of defined words and expressions used in these Regulations.

Commencement Information

I31 [Reg. 31](#) in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

Revocations and transitional provisions

32.—(1) Subject to paragraph (3)—

- (a) the Vegetable Seeds Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1994(**13**);
 - (b) the Vegetable Seeds (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996(**14**);
 - (c) the Vegetable Seeds (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000(**15**);and
 - (d) the Vegetable Seeds (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001(**16**),
- are revoked.

(2) Subject to paragraph (3)—

- (a) the Seeds (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997(**17**);

(13) [S.R. 1994 No. 250](#)

(14) [S.R. 1996 No. 313](#)

(15) [S.R. 2000 No. 56](#)

(16) [S.R. 2001 No. 327](#)

(17) [S.R. 1997 No. 240](#)

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- (b) the Seeds (Fees) (No.2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2002(18); and
(c) the Seeds (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008(19),
are revoked in relation to matters arising under the Vegetable Seed Regulations 1994.

(3) The provisions of these Regulations shall not apply to seed harvested on or before 31st December 2009 until 1st July 2010.

(4) Section 29 of the Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(20) shall not apply in relation to general licences made under the Vegetable Seeds Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1994.

Commencement Information

I32 [Reg. 32](#) in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

Sealed with the official Seal of the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development on 25th November 2009.



John Speers
A senior officer of the Department of Agriculture
and Rural Development

(18) S.R. 2002 No. 407
(19) S.R. 2008 No. 114
(20) 1954 c. 33

SCHEDULE 1

Regulations 2(5) and Schedule 10

INTERPRETATION

PART 1

Meaning of pre-basic seed and similar expressions

Pre-basic seed

1. In these Regulations “pre-basic seed” means seed of a generation prior to basic seed that—
 - (a) has been produced by or under the responsibility of the breeder according to accepted practices for the maintenance of the variety, and
 - (b) is intended to be used for the production of more pre-basic seed, basic seed, or, with the breeder’s authority, CS seed.

Commencement Information

I33 Sch. 1 para. 1 in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

UK officially certified pre-basic seed of a listed variety

2.—(1) In these Regulations “UK officially certified pre-basic seed of a listed variety” means seed to which sub-paragraph (2), (3) or (4) applies.

- (2) This sub-paragraph applies to—
 - (a) seed of a listed variety officially certified as pre-basic seed by or on behalf of the Secretary of State, the Scottish Ministers or the National Assembly for Wales, and
 - (b) seed of a previously listed variety officially certified as pre-basic seed by or on behalf of the Secretary of State, the Scottish Ministers or the National Assembly for Wales and for which a marketing extension is in force.
- (3) This sub-paragraph applies to—
 - (a) pre-basic seed of a listed variety—
 - (i) that has been harvested from a crop produced in the United Kingdom for which a field inspection report has been issued stating that the crop has been found by an official UK field inspection whenever carried out, to satisfy the conditions laid down in Schedule 3 and Part 1 of Schedule 4 for a crop from which basic seed is to be produced;
 - (ii) that satisfies the conditions laid down in Parts 2 and 3 of Schedule 4 for basic seed or satisfies all of those conditions except for the germination condition; and
 - (iii) for which a seed test report has been issued stating that it has been found by an official UK seed test or by a UK seed test carried out under official supervision (in either case whenever carried out) to satisfy the conditions laid down in Part 2 of Schedule 4 for basic seed or that it has been found by such a test to satisfy all of those conditions except for the germination condition;
 - (b) pre-basic seed of a previously listed variety that complies with the requirements of paragraph (a)(i) to (iii) and for which a marketing extension is in force;
 - (c) pre-basic seed of a listed variety—

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- (i) that has been imported into the United Kingdom as not finally certified pre-basic seed harvested in another member State, and
 - (ii) that complies with the requirements of paragraph (a)(ii) and (iii);
 - (d) pre-basic seed of a previously listed variety—
 - (i) that has been imported into the United Kingdom as not finally certified pre-basic seed harvested in another member State;
 - (ii) that complies with the requirements of paragraph (a)(ii) and (iii); and
 - (iii) for which a marketing extension is in force; and
 - (e) pre-basic seed—
 - (i) that has been imported into the United Kingdom as not finally certified pre-basic seed harvested in another member State;
 - (ii) that complies with the requirements of paragraph (a)(ii) and (iii); and
 - (iii) that is of a variety that was unlisted at the time when the seed was imported into the United Kingdom but has since been listed, other than seed to which paragraph (2) applies and seed for which an application for official certification has been made to the Secretary of State, the Scottish Ministers or the National Assembly for Wales that has not been finally determined.
- (4) Seed of a listed variety, or seed of a previously listed variety for which a marketing extension is in force, in respect of which a successful application has been made to the Department under regulation 13 to re-grade it as pre-basic seed.

Commencement Information

I34 Sch. 1 para. 2 in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

EC officially certified pre-basic seed of a listed variety

3. In these Regulations “EC officially certified pre-basic seed of a listed variety” means—
- (a) pre-basic seed of a listed variety officially certified as pre-basic seed by or on behalf of the competent seed certification authority in another member State, and
 - (b) pre-basic seed of a previously listed variety officially certified as pre-basic seed by or on behalf of the competent seed certification authority in another member State and for which a marketing extension is in force.

Commencement Information

I35 Sch. 1 para. 3 in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

Overseas tested officially certified pre-basic seed of a listed variety

4. In these Regulations “overseas tested officially certified pre-basic seed of a listed variety” means pre-basic seed—
- (a) that was harvested from a crop produced in a member State (including the United Kingdom) for which a field inspection report was issued by or on behalf of the competent seed certification authority in the member State stating that the crop has been found to satisfy the relevant Directive crop conditions for basic seed;

- (b) for which a seed test report has been issued—
 - (i) by or on behalf of the competent seed certification authority in the member State, or in a member State, other than the United Kingdom, into which the seed was subsequently imported, or
 - (ii) by a licensed EC seed testing station in either of the member States referred to in sub-paragraph (i),
stating that the seed has been found to satisfy the relevant Directive seed conditions for basic seed;
- (c) that has been imported into the United Kingdom as pre-basic seed of a variety that was unlisted at the time when the seed was imported but has since been listed; and
- (d) that is accompanied by—
 - (i) an Annex V(C) document relating to the seed issued by or on behalf of the competent seed certification authority in the member State referred to in sub-paragraph (a), and
 - (ii) the seed test report referred to in sub-paragraph (b).

Commencement Information

I36 Sch. 1 para. 4 in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

UK officially certified early movement pre-basic seed of a listed variety

5.—(1) In these Regulations “UK officially certified early movement pre-basic seed of a listed variety” means seed to which sub-paragraph (2), (3) or (4) applies.

- (2) This sub-paragraph applies to—
 - (a) seed of a listed variety officially certified as early movement pre-basic seed by or on behalf of the Secretary of State, the Scottish Ministers or the National Assembly for Wales, and
 - (b) seed of a previously listed variety officially certified as early movement pre-basic seed by or on behalf of the Secretary of State, the Scottish Ministers or the National Assembly for Wales and for which a marketing extension is in force.
- (3) This sub-paragraph applies to—
 - (a) pre-basic seed of a listed variety—
 - (i) that has been harvested from a crop produced in the United Kingdom for which a field inspection report has been issued stating that the crop has been found by an official UK field inspection (whenever carried out) to satisfy the conditions laid down in Schedule 3 and Part 1 of Schedule 4 for a crop from which basic seed is to be produced;
 - (ii) that, subject to sub-paragraph (iii), satisfies the conditions laid down in Parts 2 and 3 of Schedule 4 for basic seed;
 - (iii) for which the results of a Schedule 4 germination test are awaited but for which a provisional analytical report has been obtained indicating what the percentage of germination of the seed is likely to be; and
 - (iv) for which a seed test report has been issued stating that it has been found, subject to the results of the awaited Schedule 4 germination test, by an official UK seed test or by a UK seed test carried out under official supervision (in either case whenever carried out), to satisfy the conditions laid down in Part 2 of Schedule 4 for basic seed;

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- (b) pre-basic seed of a previously listed variety that complies with the requirements of sub-paragraph (a)(i) to (iv) and for which a marketing extension is in force;
 - (c) pre-basic seed of a listed variety—
 - (i) that has been imported into the United Kingdom as not finally certified pre-basic seed harvested in another member State, and
 - (ii) that complies with the requirements of paragraph (a)(ii) to (iv); and
 - (d) pre-basic seed of a previously listed variety—
 - (i) that has been imported into the United Kingdom as not finally certified pre-basic seed harvested in another member State;
 - (ii) that complies with the requirements of sub-paragraph (a)(ii) to (iv); and
 - (iii) for which a marketing extension is in force,
 other than seed to which sub-paragraph (2) applies and seed for which an application for official certification has been made to the Secretary of State, the Scottish Ministers or the National Assembly for Wales that has not been finally determined.
- (4) Seed of a listed variety, or seed of a previously listed variety for which a marketing extension is in force, in respect of which a successful application has been made to the Department under regulation 13 to re-grade it as early movement pre-basic seed.

Commencement Information

I37 Sch. 1 para. 5 in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

EC officially certified early movement pre-basic seed of a listed variety

6. In these Regulations “EC officially certified early movement pre-basic seed of a listed variety” means—

- (a) pre-basic seed of a listed variety officially certified as early movement pre-basic seed by or on behalf of the competent seed certification authority in another member State, and
- (b) pre-basic seed of a previously listed variety officially certified as early movement pre-basic seed by or on behalf of the competent seed certification authority in another member State and for which a marketing extension is in force.

Commencement Information

I38 Sch. 1 para. 6 in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

Officially certified pre-basic seed

7. In these Regulations “officially certified pre-basic seed” means—

- (a) UK officially certified pre-basic seed of a listed variety;
- (b) EC officially certified pre-basic seed of a listed variety;
- (c) overseas tested officially certified pre-basic seed of a listed variety;
- (d) UK officially certified early movement pre-basic seed of a listed variety; and
- (e) EC officially certified early movement pre-basic seed of a listed variety.

Commencement Information

I39 Sch. 1 para. 7 in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

PART 2

Meaning of basic seed and similar expressions

Basic seed

8.—(1) In these Regulations, other than in relation to a component of a hybrid, “basic seed” means seed—

- (a) that has been produced by or under the responsibility of the breeder according to accepted practices for the maintenance of the variety, and
- (b) that is intended to be used for the production of CS seed.

(2) In these Regulations, in relation to a component of a hybrid variety, “basic seed” means seed of the component—

- (a) that has been produced by or under the responsibility of the breeder, and
- (b) that is intended to be used for the production of CS seed of a hybrid variety.

Commencement Information

I40 Sch. 1 para. 8 in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

UK officially certified basic seed of a listed variety

9.—(1) In these Regulations “UK officially certified basic seed of a listed variety” means seed to which paragraph (2), (3) or (4) applies.

(2) This sub-paragraph applies to—

- (a) seed of a listed variety officially certified as basic seed by or on behalf of the Secretary of State, the Scottish Ministers or the National Assembly for Wales, and
- (b) seed of a previously listed variety officially certified as basic seed by or on behalf of the Secretary of State, the Scottish Ministers or the National Assembly for Wales and for which a marketing extension is in force.

(3) This sub-paragraph applies to—

(a) basic seed of a listed variety—

- (i) that has been harvested from a crop produced in the United Kingdom for which a field inspection report has been issued stating that the crop has been found by an official UK field inspection (whenever carried out) to satisfy the conditions laid down in Schedule 3 and Part 1 of Schedule 4 for a crop from which basic seed is to be produced;
- (ii) that satisfies the conditions laid down in Parts 2 and 3 of Schedule 4 for basic seed or satisfies all of those conditions except for the germination condition; and
- (iii) for which a seed test report has been issued stating that it has been found by an official UK seed test or by a UK seed test carried out under official supervision (in either case whenever carried out) to satisfy the conditions laid down in Part 2 of

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Schedule 4 for basic seed or that it has been found by such a test to satisfy all of those conditions except for the germination condition;

- (b) basic seed of a previously listed variety that complies with the requirements of sub-paragraph (a)(i) to (iii) and for which a marketing extension is in force;
- (c) basic seed of a listed variety—
 - (i) that has been imported into the United Kingdom as not finally certified basic seed harvested in another member State, and
 - (ii) that complies with the requirements of sub-paragraph (a)(ii) and (iii);
- (d) basic seed of a previously listed variety—
 - (i) that has been imported into the United Kingdom as not finally certified basic seed harvested in another member State;
 - (ii) that complies with the requirements of sub-paragraph (a)(ii) and (iii); and
 - (iii) for which a marketing extension is in force; and
- (e) basic seed—
 - (i) that has been imported into the United Kingdom as not finally certified basic seed harvested in another member State;
 - (ii) that complies with the requirements of sub-paragraph (a)(ii) and (iii); and
 - (iii) is of a variety that was unlisted at the time when the seed was imported into the United Kingdom but has since been listed,

other than seed to which paragraph (2) applies and seed for which an application for official certification has been made to the Secretary of State, the Scottish Ministers or the National Assembly for Wales that has not been finally determined.

(4) Seed of a listed variety, or seed of a previously listed variety for which a marketing extension is in force, in respect of which a successful application has been made to the Department under regulation 13 to re-grade it as basic seed.

Commencement Information

I41 Sch. 1 para. 9 in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

EC officially certified basic seed of a listed variety

10. In these Regulations “EC officially certified basic seed of a listed variety” means—
- (a) basic seed of a listed variety officially certified as basic seed by or on behalf of the competent seed certification authority in another member State, and
 - (b) basic seed of a previously listed variety officially certified as basic seed by or on behalf of the competent seed certification authority in another member State and for which a marketing extension is in force.

Commencement Information

I42 Sch. 1 para. 10 in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

Overseas tested officially certified basic seed of a listed variety

11. In these Regulations “overseas tested officially certified basic seed of a listed variety” means basic seed—

- (a) that has been harvested from a crop produced in a member State (including the United Kingdom) for which a field inspection report was issued by or on behalf of the competent seed certification authority in the member State stating that the crop has been found to satisfy the relevant Directive crop conditions for basic seed;
- (b) for which a seed test report has been issued—
 - (i) by or on behalf of the competent seed certification authority in the member State, or in a member State, other than the United Kingdom, into which the seed was subsequently imported, or
 - (ii) by a licensed EC seed testing station in either of the member States referred to in sub-paragraph (i),stating that the seed has been found to satisfy the relevant Directive seed conditions for basic seed;
- (c) that has been imported into the United Kingdom as basic seed of a variety that was unlisted at the time when the seed was imported but has since been listed; and
- (d) that is accompanied by—
 - (i) an Annex V(C) document relating to the seed issued by or on behalf of the competent seed certification authority in the member State referred to in sub-paragraph (a), and
 - (ii) the seed test report referred to in sub-paragraph (b).

Commencement Information

I43 Sch. 1 para. 11 in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

UK officially certified early movement basic seed of a listed variety

12.—(1) In these Regulations “UK officially certified early movement basic seed of a listed variety” means seed to which sub-paragraph (2), (3) or (4) applies.

- (2) This sub-paragraph applies to—
 - (a) seed of a listed variety officially certified as early movement basic seed by or on behalf of the Secretary of State, the Scottish Ministers or the National Assembly for Wales, and
 - (b) seed of a previously listed variety officially certified as early movement basic seed by or on behalf of the Secretary of State, the Scottish Ministers or the National Assembly for Wales and for which a marketing extension is in force.
- (3) This sub-paragraph applies to—
 - (a) basic seed of a listed variety—
 - (i) that has been harvested from a crop produced in the United Kingdom for which a field inspection report has been issued stating that the crop has been found by an official UK field inspection (whenever carried out) to satisfy the conditions laid down in Schedule 3 and Part 1 of Schedule 4 for a crop from which basic seed is to be produced;
 - (ii) that, subject to sub-paragraph (iii), satisfies the conditions laid down in Parts 2 and 3 of Schedule 4 for basic seed;

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- (iii) for which the results of a Schedule 4 germination test are awaited but for which a provisional analytical report has been obtained indicating what the percentage of germination of the seed is likely to be; and
 - (iv) for which a seed test report has been issued stating that it has been found, subject to the results of the awaited Schedule 4 germination test, by an official UK seed test or by a UK seed test carried out under official supervision (in either case whenever carried out) to satisfy the conditions laid down in Part 2 of Schedule 4 for basic seed;
 - (b) basic seed of a previously listed variety that complies with the requirements of sub-paragraph (a)(i) to (iv) and for which a marketing extension is in force;
 - (c) basic seed of a listed variety—
 - (i) that has been imported into the United Kingdom as not finally certified basic seed harvested in another member State, and
 - (ii) that complies with the requirements of sub-paragraph (a)(ii) to (iv); and
 - (d) basic seed of a previously listed variety—
 - (i) that has been imported into the United Kingdom as not finally certified basic seed harvested in another member State;
 - (ii) that complies with the requirements of paragraph (a)(ii) to (iv); and
 - (iii) for which a marketing extension is in force,
 other than seed to which sub-paragraph (2) applies and seed for which an application for official certification has been made to the Secretary of State, the Scottish Ministers or the National Assembly for Wales that has not been finally determined.
- (4) Seed of a listed variety, or seed of a previously listed variety for which a marketing extension is in force, in respect of which a successful application has been made to the Department under regulation 13 to re-grade it as early movement basic seed.

Commencement Information

I44 Sch. 1 para. 12 in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

EC officially certified early movement basic seed of a listed variety

13. In these Regulations “EC officially certified early movement basic seed of a listed variety” means—

- (a) basic seed of a listed variety officially certified as early movement basic seed by or on behalf of the competent seed certification authority in another member State, and
- (b) basic seed of a previously listed variety officially certified as early movement basic seed by or on behalf of the competent seed certification authority in another member State and for which a marketing extension is in force.

Commencement Information

I45 Sch. 1 para. 13 in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

UK officially certified basic seed of a component of a listed hybrid variety

14.—(1) In these Regulations “UK officially certified basic seed of a component of a listed hybrid variety” means seed to which sub-paragraph (2) or (3) applies.

- (2) This paragraph applies to—
- (a) seed of a component of a listed hybrid variety officially certified as basic seed by or on behalf of the Secretary of State, the Scottish Ministers or the National Assembly for Wales, and
 - (b) seed of a component of a previously listed hybrid variety officially certified as basic seed by or on behalf of the Secretary of State, the Scottish Ministers or the National Assembly for Wales and for which a marketing extension is in force in respect of seed of the hybrid variety.
- (3) This sub-paragraph applies to—
- (a) basic seed of a component of a listed hybrid variety—
 - (i) that has been harvested from a crop produced in the United Kingdom for which a field inspection report has been issued stating that the crop has been found by an official UK field inspection (whenever carried out) to satisfy the conditions laid down in Schedule 3 and Part 1 of Schedule 4 for a crop from which basic seed is to be produced;
 - (ii) that satisfies the conditions laid down in Parts 2 and 3 of Schedule 4 for basic seed or satisfies all of those conditions except for the germination condition; and
 - (iii) for which a seed test report has been issued stating that it has been found by an official UK seed test or by a UK seed test carried out under official supervision (in either case whenever carried out) to satisfy the conditions laid down in Part 2 of Schedule 4 for basic seed or that it has been found by such a test to satisfy all of those conditions except for the germination condition;
 - (b) basic seed of a component of a previously listed hybrid variety that complies with the requirements of paragraph (a)(i) to (iii) and for which a marketing extension is in force in respect of seed of the hybrid variety;
 - (c) basic seed of a component of a listed hybrid variety—

that has been imported into the United Kingdom as not finally certified basic seed harvested in another member State, and

 - (i) that complies with the requirements of sub-paragraph (a)(ii) and (iii);
 - (d) basic seed of a component of a previously listed hybrid variety—
 - (i) that has been imported into the United Kingdom as not finally certified basic seed harvested in another member State;
 - (ii) that complies with the requirements of paragraph (a)(ii) and (iii); and
 - (iii) for which a marketing extension is in force in respect of seed of the hybrid variety;
 - (e) basic seed—
 - (i) that has been imported into the United Kingdom as not finally certified basic seed harvested in another member State;
 - (ii) that complies with the requirements of paragraph (a)(ii) and (iii); and
 - (iii) that is a component of a hybrid variety that was unlisted at the time when the seed was imported into the United Kingdom but has since been listed,

other than seed to which sub-paragraph (2) applies and seed of a component of a hybrid variety for which an application for official certification has been made to the Secretary of State, the Scottish Ministers or the National Assembly for Wales that has not been finally determined.

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Commencement Information

I46 Sch. 1 para. 14 in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

EC officially certified basic seed of a component of a listed hybrid variety

15. In these Regulations “EC officially certified basic seed of a component of a listed hybrid variety” means—

- (a) basic seed of a component of a listed hybrid variety officially certified as basic seed by or on behalf of the competent seed certification authority in another member State, and
- (b) basic seed of a component of a previously listed hybrid variety officially certified as basic seed by or on behalf of the competent seed certification authority in another member State and for which a marketing extension is in force in respect of seed of the hybrid variety.

Commencement Information

I47 Sch. 1 para. 15 in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

Overseas tested officially certified basic seed of a component of a listed hybrid variety

16. In these Regulations “overseas tested officially certified basic seed of a component of a listed hybrid variety” means basic seed—

- (a) that has been harvested from a crop produced in a member State (including the United Kingdom) for which a field inspection report was issued by or on behalf of the competent seed certification authority in the member State stating that the crop has been found to satisfy the relevant Directive crop conditions for basic seed;
- (b) for which a seed test report has been issued—
 - (i) by or on behalf of the competent seed certification authority in the member State, or in a member State, other than the United Kingdom, into which the seed was subsequently imported, or
 - (ii) by a licensed EC seed testing station in either of the member States referred to in paragraph (i),
 stating that the seed has been found to satisfy the relevant Directive seed conditions for basic seed;
- (c) that has been imported into the United Kingdom as a component of a hybrid variety that was unlisted at the time when the seed was imported into the United Kingdom but has since been listed; and
- (d) that is accompanied by—
 - (i) an Annex V(C) document relating to the seed issued by or on behalf of the competent seed certification authority in the member State referred to in paragraph (a), and
 - (ii) the seed test report referred to in sub-paragraph (b).

Commencement Information

I48 Sch. 1 para. 16 in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

UK officially certified early movement basic seed of a component of a listed hybrid variety

17.—(1) In these Regulations “UK officially certified early movement basic seed of a component of a listed hybrid variety” means seed of which sub-paragraph (2) or (3) applies.

(2) This sub-paragraph applies to—

- (a) seed of a component of a listed hybrid variety officially certified as early movement basic seed by or on behalf of the Secretary of State, the Scottish Ministers or the National Assembly for Wales, and
- (b) seed of a component of a previously listed hybrid variety officially certified as early movement basic seed by or on behalf of the Secretary of State, the Scottish Ministers or the National Assembly for Wales and for which a marketing extension is in force in respect of seed of the hybrid variety.

(3) This sub-paragraph applies to—

- (a) basic seed of a component of a listed hybrid variety—
 - (i) that has been harvested from a crop produced in the United Kingdom for which a field inspection report has been issued stating that the crop has been found by an official UK field inspection whenever carried out to satisfy the conditions laid down in Schedule 3 and Part 1 of Schedule 4 for a crop from which basic seed is to be produced;
 - (ii) that, subject to sub-paragraph (iii), satisfies the conditions laid down in Parts 2 and 3 of Schedule 4 for basic seed;
 - (iii) for which the results of a Schedule 4 germination test are awaited but for which a provisional analytical report has been obtained indicating what the percentage of germination of the seed is likely to be; and
 - (iv) for which a seed test report has been issued stating that it has been found, subject to the results of the awaited Schedule 4 germination test, by an official UK seed test or by a UK seed test carried out under official supervision (in either case whenever carried out) to satisfy the conditions laid down in Part 2 of Schedule 4 for basic seed;
- (b) basic seed of a component of a previously listed hybrid variety that complies with the requirements of sub-paragraph (a)(i) to (iv) and for which a marketing extension is in force in respect of seed of the hybrid variety;
- (c) basic seed of a component of a listed hybrid variety—
 - (i) that has been imported into the United Kingdom as not finally certified basic seed harvested in another member State, and
 - (ii) complies with the requirements of sub-paragraph (a)(ii) to (iv); and
- (d) basic seed of a component of a previously listed hybrid variety—
 - (i) that has been imported into the United Kingdom as not finally certified basic seed harvested in another member State;
 - (ii) that complies with the requirements of sub-paragraph (a)(ii) to (iv); and
 - (iii) for which a marketing extension is in force in respect of seed of the hybrid variety, other than seed to which sub-paragraph (2) applies and seed of a component of a hybrid variety for which an application for official certification has been made to the Secretary of State, the Scottish Ministers or the National Assembly for Wales that has not been finally determined.

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Commencement Information

I49 Sch. 1 para. 17 in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

EC officially certified early movement basic seed of a component of a listed hybrid variety

18. In these Regulations “EC officially certified early movement basic seed of a component of a listed hybrid variety” means—

- (a) basic seed of a component of a listed hybrid variety officially certified as early movement basic seed by or on behalf of the competent seed certification authority in another member State, and
- (b) basic seed of a component of a previously listed hybrid variety officially certified as early movement basic seed by or on behalf of the competent seed certification authority in another member State for which a marketing extension is in force in respect of seed of the hybrid variety.

Commencement Information

I50 Sch. 1 para. 18 in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

Officially certified basic seed

19. In these Regulations “officially certified basic seed” means—

- (a) UK officially certified basic seed of a listed variety;
- (b) EC officially certified basic seed of a listed variety;
- (c) overseas tested officially certified basic seed of a listed variety;
- (d) UK officially certified early movement basic seed of a listed variety;
- (e) EC officially certified early movement basic seed of a listed variety;
- (f) UK officially certified basic seed of a component of a listed hybrid variety;
- (g) EC officially certified basic seed of a component of a listed hybrid variety;
- (h) overseas tested officially certified basic seed of a component of a listed hybrid variety;
- (i) UK officially certified early movement basic seed of a component of a listed hybrid variety; and
- (j) EC officially certified early movement basic seed of a component of a listed hybrid variety.

Commencement Information

I51 Sch. 1 para. 19 in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

PART 3

Meaning of CS seed and similar expressions

CS seed

20. In these Regulations “CS seed” means seed that—
- (a) has been produced directly from officially certified basic seed or, with the breeder’s authority, from officially certified pre-basic seed, and
 - (b) is intended for purposes other than the production of vegetable seed.

Commencement Information

I52 Sch. 1 para. 20 in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

UK officially certified CS seed of a listed variety

21.—(1) In these Regulations “UK officially certified CS seed of a listed variety” means seed to which sub-paragraph (2), (3) or (4) applies.

- (2) This sub-paragraph applies to—
- (a) seed of a listed variety officially certified as CS seed by or on behalf of the Secretary of State, the Scottish Ministers or the National Assembly for Wales, and
 - (b) seed of a previously listed variety officially certified as CS seed by or on behalf of the Secretary of State, the Scottish Ministers or the National Assembly for Wales and for which a marketing extension is in force.
- (3) This paragraph applies to—
- (a) CS seed of a listed variety—
 - (i) that has been harvested from a crop produced in the United Kingdom for which a field inspection report has been issued stating that the crop has been found, by an official UK field inspection or in the case of a crop that has been produced from seed that has been subject to satisfactory official post control, by a UK field inspection carried out under official supervision following the listing of the variety, to satisfy the conditions laid down in Schedule 3 and Part 1 of Schedule 4 for a crop from which CS seed is to be produced;
 - (ii) that satisfies the conditions laid down in Parts 2 and 3 of Schedule 4 for CS seed; and
 - (iii) for which a seed test report has been issued stating that it has been found by an official UK seed test or by a UK seed test carried out under official supervision (in either case whenever carried out) to satisfy the conditions laid down in Part 2 of Schedule 4 for CS seed;
 - (b) CS seed of a previously listed variety that complies with the requirements of sub-paragraph (a)(i) to (iii) and for which a marketing extension is in force;
 - (c) CS seed of a listed variety—
 - (i) that has been imported into the United Kingdom as not finally certified CS seed harvested in another member State, and
 - (ii) that complies with the requirements of sub-paragraph (a)(ii) and (iii);
 - (d) CS seed of a previously listed variety—

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- (i) that has been imported into the United Kingdom as not finally certified CS seed harvested in another member State;
 - (ii) that complies with the requirements of sub-paragraph (a)(ii) and (iii); and
 - (iii) for which a marketing extension is in force; and
- (e) CS seed—
- (i) that has been imported into the United Kingdom as not finally certified CS seed harvested in another member State.
 - (ii) that complies with the requirements of sub-paragraph (a)(ii) and (iii); and
 - (iii) of a variety that was unlisted at the time when the seed was imported into the United Kingdom but has since been listed,
- other than seed to which sub-paragraph (2) applies and seed for which an application for official certification has been made to the Secretary of State, the Scottish Ministers or the National Assembly for Wales that has not been finally determined.

(4) Seed of a listed variety, or of a previously listed variety for which a marketing extension is in force, in respect of which a successful application has been made to the Department under regulation 13 to re-grade it as CS seed.

Commencement Information

I53 Sch. 1 para. 21 in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

EC officially certified CS seed of a listed variety

22. In these Regulations “EC officially certified CS seed of a listed variety” means—
- (a) CS seed of a listed variety officially certified as CS seed by or on behalf of the competent seed certification authority in another member State, and
 - (b) CS seed of a previously listed variety officially certified as CS seed by or on behalf of the competent seed certification authority in another member State and for which a marketing extension is in force.

Commencement Information

I54 Sch. 1 para. 22 in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

Overseas tested officially certified CS seed of a listed variety

23. In these Regulations “overseas tested officially certified CS seed of a listed variety” means CS seed—

- (a) that has been harvested from a crop produced in a member State (including the United Kingdom) for which a field inspection report was issued by or on behalf of the competent seed certification authority in the member State stating that the crop had been found to satisfy the relevant Directive crop conditions for CS seed;
- (b) for which a seed test report has been issued—
 - (i) by or on behalf of the competent seed certification authority in the member State, or in a member State, other than the United Kingdom, into which the seed was subsequently imported, or

- (ii) by a licensed EC seed testing station in either of the member States referred to in sub-paragraph (i),
- stating that the seed has been found to satisfy the relevant Directive seed conditions for CS seed;
- (c) that has been imported into the United Kingdom as CS seed of a variety that was unlisted at the time when the seed was imported but has since been listed; and
 - (d) that is accompanied by—
 - (i) an Annex V(C) document relating to the seed issued by or on behalf of the competent seed certification authority in the member State referred to in paragraph (a), and
 - (ii) the seed test report referred to in sub-paragraph (b).

Commencement Information

I55 Sch. 1 para. 23 in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

UK officially certified early movement CS seed of a listed variety

24.—(1) In these Regulations “UK officially certified early movement CS seed of a listed variety” means seed to which sub-paragraph (2), (3) or (4) applies.

- (2) This paragraph applies to—
 - (a) seed of a listed variety officially certified as early movement CS seed by or on behalf of the Secretary of State, the Scottish Ministers or the National Assembly for Wales, and
 - (b) seed of a previously listed variety officially certified as early movement CS seed by or on behalf of the Secretary of State, the Scottish Ministers or the National Assembly for Wales and for which a marketing extension is in force.
- (3) This sub-paragraph applies to—
 - (a) CS seed of a listed variety—
 - (i) that has been harvested from a crop produced in the United Kingdom for which a field inspection report has been issued stating that the crop has been found by an official UK field inspection or in the case of a crop that has been produced from seed that has been subject to satisfactory official post control, by a UK field inspection carried out under official supervision following the listing of the variety, to satisfy the conditions laid down in Schedule 3 and Part 1 of Schedule 4 for a crop from which CS seed is to be produced;
 - (ii) that, subject to sub-sub-paragraph (iii), satisfies the conditions laid down in Parts 2 and 3 of Schedule 4 for CS seed;
 - (iii) for which the results of a Schedule 4 germination test are awaited to determine whether the seed will satisfy the applicable germination standard for CS seed but for which a provisional analytical report has been obtained indicating that the seed is likely to meet that standard; and
 - (iv) for which a seed test report has been issued stating that it has been found, subject to the results of the awaited Schedule 4 germination test, by an official UK seed test or by a UK seed test carried out under official supervision (in either case whenever carried out) to satisfy the conditions laid down in Part 2 of Schedule 4 for CS seed;
 - (b) CS seed of a previously listed variety that complies with the requirements of sub-paragraph (a)(i) to (iv) and for which a marketing extension is in force;
 - (c) CS seed of a listed variety—

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- (i) that has been imported into the United Kingdom as not finally certified CS seed harvested in another member State, and
- (ii) that complies with the requirements of sub-paragraph (a)(ii) to (iv); and
- (d) CS seed of a previously listed variety—
 - (i) that has been imported into the United Kingdom as not finally certified CS seed harvested in another member State;
 - (ii) that complies with the requirements of sub-paragraph (a)(ii) to (iv); and
 - (iii) for which a marketing extension is in force,

other than seed to which paragraph (2) applies and seed for which an application for official certification has been made to the Secretary of State, the Scottish Ministers or the National Assembly for Wales that has not been finally determined.

(4) Seed of a listed variety, or of a previously listed variety for which a marketing extension is in force, in respect of which a successful application has been made to the Department under regulation 13 to re-grade it as early movement CS seed.

Commencement Information

I56 Sch. 1 para. 24 in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

EC officially certified early movement CS seed of a listed variety

25. In these Regulations “EC officially certified early movement CS seed of a listed variety” means—

- (a) CS seed of a listed variety officially certified as early movement CS seed by or on behalf of the competent seed certification authority in another member State, and
- (b) CS seed of a previously listed variety officially certified as early movement CS seed by or on behalf of the competent seed certification authority in another member State and for which a marketing extension is in force.

Commencement Information

I57 Sch. 1 para. 25 in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

Officially certified CS seed

26. In these Regulations “officially certified CS seed” means—

- (a) UK officially certified CS seed of a listed variety;
- (b) EC officially certified CS seed of a listed variety;
- (c) overseas tested officially certified CS seed of a listed variety;
- (d) UK officially certified early movement CS seed of a listed variety; and
- (e) EC officially certified early movement CS seed of a listed variety.

Commencement Information

I58 Sch. 1 para. 26 in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

Early multiplication

27.—(1) The requirement contained in sub-paragraph 20(a) (that CS seed be produced directly from officially certified basic seed, or, with the breeder’s authority, from officially certified pre-basic seed) shall be treated as having been complied with in relation to CS seed in a case where—

- (a) the CS seed (“the harvested CS seed”) was harvested from a crop produced from pre-basic seed to which sub-paragraph (2) applies or basic seed to which sub-paragraph (3) or (4) applies, and
 - (b) the variety of the harvested CS seed was not listed at the time when the pre-basic or basic seed referred to in sub-paragraph (a) was sown but was subject to an application for listing at that time which was subsequently granted.
- (2) This sub-paragraph applies to pre-basic seed—
- (a) that has been harvested from a crop—
 - (i) produced in the United Kingdom and found by an official UK field inspection to satisfy the conditions laid down in Schedule 3 and Part 1 of Schedule 4 for a crop from which basic seed is to be produced, or
 - (ii) produced in another member State and found by a field inspection of the crop carried out by or on behalf of the competent seed certification authority in that State to satisfy the Directive crop conditions for basic seed;
 - (b) that—
 - (i) was found by an official UK seed test or a UK seed test carried out under official supervision to satisfy the conditions laid down in Part 2 of Schedule 4 for basic seed, or
 - (ii) was found by seed testing carried out by or on behalf of the competent seed certification authority or a licensed EC seed testing station in another member State to satisfy the Directive seed conditions for basic seed; and
 - (c) that was of the same variety as the harvested CS seed.
- (3) This sub-paragraph applies to basic seed—
- (a) that has been harvested from a crop—
 - (i) produced in the United Kingdom and found by an official UK field inspection to satisfy the conditions laid down in Schedule 3 and Part 1 of Schedule 4 for a crop from which basic seed is to be produced, or
 - (ii) produced in another member State and found by a field inspection of the crop carried out by or on behalf of the competent seed certification authority in that State to satisfy the Directive crop conditions for basic seed;
 - (b) that—
 - (i) was found by an official UK seed test or a UK seed test carried out under official supervision to satisfy the conditions laid down in Part 2 of Schedule 4 for basic seed, or
 - (ii) was found by seed testing carried out by or on behalf of the competent seed certification authority or a licensed EC seed testing station in another member State to satisfy the Directive seed conditions for basic seed; and
 - (c) that was of the same variety as the harvested CS seed.
- (4) This sub-paragraph applies to basic seed of a component of a hybrid variety—
- (a) that complied with the requirements of sub-paragraph (3)(a) and (b), and
 - (b) that was a component in the production of the harvested CS seed of the hybrid variety.

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I59 Sch. 1 para. 27 in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

PART 4

Meaning of standard seed

Standard seed

[^{F12}28. In these Regulations—

(1) “standard seed” means seed of a listed variety, other than standard seed of a conservation variety and standard seed of an amateur variety—

- (a) that is intended mainly for the production of vegetables, and
- (b) satisfies the conditions laid down in Annex II to the Vegetable Seed Directive;

(2) “standard seed of a conservation variety” means seed of a conservation variety which—

- (a) is produced in the region of origin or additional region;
- (b) descends from seed produced according to well defined practices for the maintenance of the variety;
- (c) satisfies the requirement for marketing of standard seed set out in the Vegetable Seed Directive, except the requirements in respect of minimal varietal purity and satisfies the requirements of Part 5 of Schedule 4; and
- (d) has sufficient varietal purity;

(3) “standard seed of an amateur variety” means seed of an amateur variety which—

- (a) satisfies the requirements for maturity of standard seed set out in the Vegetable Seed Directive, except the requirement in respect of minimal varietal purity and satisfies the requirements of Part 5 of Schedule 4; and
- (b) has sufficient varietal purity.]

Textual Amendments

F12 Sch. 1 para. 28 substituted (11.4.2011) by [The Vegetable Seeds \(Amendment\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2011 \(S.R. 2011/38\)](#), regs. 1, 7

PART 5

Meaning of expressions relating to imported not finally certified seed

Not finally certified pre-basic seed harvested in another member State

29.—(1) In these Regulations “not finally certified pre-basic seed harvested in another member State” means pre-basic seed—

- (a) to which sub-paragraph (2) applies;

- (b) that has been harvested from a crop produced in another member State and has been found by a field examination of the crop carried out by or on behalf of the competent seed certification authority in the member State to satisfy the Directive crop conditions for basic seed;
 - (c) that has been packed in a sealed package in accordance with the requirements of Article 27(1) of the Vegetable Seed Directive and is labelled with a grey label;
 - (d) that has been imported into the United Kingdom as not finally certified seed; and
 - (e) that is accompanied by an Annex V(C) document relating to the seed issued by or on behalf of the competent seed certification authority in the member State in which the seed was harvested.
- (2) This sub-paragraph applies to pre-basic seed of—
- (a) a listed variety;
 - (b) a variety that is unlisted but in respect of which an application for listing has been made that has not been withdrawn or finally determined; or
 - (c) a previously listed variety for which a marketing extension is in force.
- (3) In this paragraph “grey label” means, in relation to the seed contained in the package on which the label is affixed, a grey coloured label containing the following particulars—
- (a) the name of the authority responsible for the field inspection of the crop and the member State or their commonly used initials;
 - (b) the species of the seed, indicated at least in Roman characters—
 - (i) under its botanical name, which may be given in abridged form and without the author’s name; or
 - (ii) under its common name; or
 - (iii) under both;
 - (c) the variety of the seed, indicated at least in Roman characters;
 - (d) the category of the seed;
 - (e) the field or lot reference number of the seed;
 - (f) the declared net or gross weight of the seed; and
 - (g) the words “seed not finally certified”.

Commencement Information

I60 Sch. 1 para. 29 in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

Not finally certified basic seed harvested in another member State

30.—(1) In these Regulations “not finally certified basic seed harvested in another member State” means basic seed—

- (a) to which sub-paragraph (2) applies;
- (b) that has been harvested from a crop produced in another member State and has been found by a field examination of the crop carried out by or on behalf of the competent seed certification authority in the member State to satisfy the Directive crop conditions for basic seed;
- (c) that has been packed in a sealed package in accordance with the requirements of Article 27(1) of the Vegetable Seed Directive and is labelled with a grey label;

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- (d) that has been imported into the United Kingdom as not finally certified seed; and
 - (e) that is accompanied by an Annex V(C) document relating to the seed issued by or on behalf of the competent seed certification authority in the member State in which the seed was harvested.
- (2) This sub-paragraph applies to basic seed of—
- (a) a listed variety;
 - (b) a variety that is unlisted but in respect of which an application for listing has been made that has not been withdrawn or finally determined;
 - (c) a previously listed variety for which a marketing extension is in force;
 - (d) a component of a listed hybrid variety;
 - (e) a component of a hybrid variety that is unlisted but in respect of which an application for listing has been made that has not been withdrawn or finally determined; or
 - (f) a component of a previously listed hybrid variety for which a marketing extension is in force.
- (3) In this sub-paragraph “grey label” shall have the same meaning as in sub-paragraph 29(3).

Commencement Information

I61 Sch. 1 para. 30 in operation at 31.12.2009, see **reg. 1**

Not finally certified CS seed harvested in another member State

31.—(1) In these Regulations “not finally certified CS seed harvested in another member State” means CS seed—

- (a) to which sub-paragraph (2) applies;
 - (b) that has been harvested from a crop—
 - (i) that has been produced in another member State directly from officially certified basic seed, and
 - (ii) that has been found by a field examination of the crop carried out by or on behalf of the competent seed certification authority in the member State, or, in the case of seed that has been harvested from a crop that has been produced from seed that has undergone official post control the results of which have been satisfactory, by a field examination of the crop carried out by a licensed EC crop inspector in that member State, to satisfy the Directive crop conditions for CS seed;
 - (c) that has been packed in a sealed package in accordance with the requirements of Article 27(1) of the Vegetable Seed Directive and is labelled with a grey label;
 - (d) that has been imported into the United Kingdom as not finally certified seed; and
 - (e) that is accompanied by an Annex V(C) document relating to the seed issued by or on behalf of the competent seed certification authority in the member State in which the seed was harvested.
- (2) This sub-paragraph applies to CS seed of—
- (a) a listed variety;
 - (b) a variety that is unlisted but in respect of which an application for listing has been made that has not been withdrawn or finally determined; and
 - (c) a previously listed variety for which a marketing extension is in force.

(3) In this sub-paragraph “grey label” shall have the same meaning as in sub-paragraph 29(3).

Commencement Information

I62 Sch. 1 para. 31 in operation at 31.12.2009, see **reg. 1**

SCHEDULE 2

Regulations 2(1), 5(1),23(3)(b) and 25(3)

(a)

SPECIES OF SEED TO WHICH THESE REGULATIONS APPLY

1. Asparagus.

Commencement Information

I63 Sch. 2 para. 1 in operation at 31.12.2009, see **reg. 1**

2. The following species of beans—

- (a) broad bean;
- (b) French bean; and
- (c) runner bean.

Commencement Information

I64 Sch. 2 para. 2 in operation at 31.12.2009, see **reg. 1**

3. Beetroot (also known as red beet).

Commencement Information

I65 Sch. 2 para. 3 in operation at 31.12.2009, see **reg. 1**

4. Brussels sprouts.

Commencement Information

I66 Sch. 2 para. 4 in operation at 31.12.2009, see **reg. 1**

5. The following species of cabbage—

- (a) red cabbage;
- (b) savoy cabbage; and
- (c) white cabbage.

Commencement Information

I67 Sch. 2 para. 5 in operation at 31.12.2009, see **reg. 1**

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6. Carrot.

Commencement Information

I68 Sch. 2 para. 6 in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

7. Cauliflower.

Commencement Information

I69 Sch. 2 para. 7 in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

8. Celery.

Commencement Information

I70 Sch. 2 para. 8 in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

9. Chard and spinach beet.

Commencement Information

I71 Sch. 2 para. 9 in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

10. Chinese cabbage.

Commencement Information

I72 Sch. 2 para. 10 in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

11. Cucumber and gherkin.

Commencement Information

I73 Sch. 2 para. 11 in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

12. Curly kale.

Commencement Information

I74 Sch. 2 para. 12 in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

13. Endive.

Commencement Information

I75 Sch. 2 para. 13 in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

14. Gourd.

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Commencement Information

I76 Sch. 2 para. 14 in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

15. Kohlrabi.

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Commencement Information

I77 Sch. 2 para. 15 in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

16. Larged-leave chicory (also known as Italian chicory) and Witloof chicory.

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Commencement Information

I78 Sch. 2 para. 16 in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

17. Leek.

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Commencement Information

I79 Sch. 2 para. 17 in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

18. Lettuce.

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Commencement Information

I80 Sch. 2 para. 18 in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

19. Marrow.

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Commencement Information

I81 Sch. 2 para. 19 in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

20. Melon.

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Commencement Information

I82 Sch. 2 para. 20 in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

21. Onion.

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Commencement Information

I83 Sch. 2 para. 21 in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

22. Parsley.

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Commencement Information

184 Sch. 2 para. 22 in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

23. Pea other than field pea.

Commencement Information

185 Sch. 2 para. 23 in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

24. Radish.

Commencement Information

186 Sch. 2 para. 24 in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

25. Spinach.

Commencement Information

187 Sch. 2 para. 25 in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

26. Sprouting broccoli (also known as calabrese).

Commencement Information

188 Sch. 2 para. 26 in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

27. Sweet corn or popcorn.

Commencement Information

189 Sch. 2 para. 27 in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

28. Tomato.

Commencement Information

190 Sch. 2 para. 28 in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

29. Turnip.

Commencement Information

191 Sch. 2 para. 29 in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

SCHEDULE 3

Regulations 8(7)(a), 8(8) to (12), (14)(c) and (17)(a),(10)(3) and (4), 11(15)(a),and (b), 13(5), 14(1)(b),and paragraphs 2(3)(a), 5(3)(a), 9(3)(a), 12(3)(a),14(3)(a), 17(3)(a), 21(3)(a),24(3)(a) and 27(2)(a),and (3)(a) of Schedule 1.

CONDITIONS RELATING TO CROPS FROM WHICH SEED IS TO BE HARVESTED

1. The crop shall have sufficient varietal identity and varietal purity.

Commencement Information

I92 Sch. 3 para. 1 in operation at 31.12.2009, see **reg. 1**

2.—(1) Subject to paragraph 3, the crop shall conform to the following standards as regards the minimum distances from neighbouring sources of pollen which may result in undesirable foreign pollination—

	<i>1. Crop</i>	<i>2. Minimum distance (metres)</i>
(a) <i>Beta vulgaris</i> —		
(i) from any pollen source of the genus <i>Beta</i> other than those specified in (ii) and (iii) below—		1,000
(ii) from any pollen source of a variety of the same sub species belonging to a different group of varieties—		
(aa) for the production of basic seed		1,000
(bb) for the production of CS seed		600
(iii) From any pollen source of a variety of the same sub species belonging to the same group of varieties—		
(aa) for the production of basic seed		1,000
(bb) for the production of CS seed		600
(b) <i>Brassica</i> species—		
(i) for the production of basic seed		1,000
(ii) for the production of CS seed		600
(c) cross fertilised species other than <i>Beta</i> and <i>Brassica</i> species—		
(i) for the production of basic seed		500
(ii) for the production of CS seed		300

(2) For the purposes of this sub-paragraph the groups of varieties of the *Beta* species shall be those set out in the following table classified in groups according to their characteristics—

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<i>(a) Beetroot</i>	
<i>Group</i>	<i>Characteristic</i>
1	Transverse narrow elliptic or transverse elliptic shape of root longitudinal section and root flesh red or purple
2	Circular or broad elliptic shape of root longitudinal section and root flesh white
3	Circular or broad elliptic shape of root longitudinal section and root flesh yellow
4	Circular or broad elliptic shape of root longitudinal section and root flesh red or purple
5	Narrow oblong shape of root longitudinal section and root flesh red or purple
6	Narrow obtriangular shape of root longitudinal section and root flesh red or purple
<i>(b) Chard and spinach beet</i>	
<i>Group</i>	<i>Characteristic</i>
1	White petiole and pale green leaf blade, without anthocyanin coloration
2	White petiole and medium or dark green leaf blade, without anthocyanin coloration
3	Green petiole and medium or dark green leaf blade, without anthocyanin coloration
4	Pink petiole and medium or dark green leaf blade
5	Red petiole and leaf blade, with anthocyanin coloration

Commencement Information

I93 Sch. 3 para. 2 in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

3. Paragraph 2 shall not apply if there is sufficient protection from any undesirable foreign pollination.

Commencement Information

I94 Sch. 3 para. 3 in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

4. Diseases and harmful organisms which reduce the usefulness of the seed shall be at the lowest possible level.

Commencement Information

I95 Sch. 3 para. 4 in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

5.—(1) A crop from which basic seed is to be produced shall be examined by at least one official UK field inspection to determine whether the crop meets the requirements in this Schedule and in Part 1 of Schedule 4;

(2) A crop from which CS seed is to be produced shall be examined by at least one official UK field inspection or a UK field inspection carried out under official supervision to determine whether the crop meets the requirements in this Schedule and in Part 1 of Schedule 4.

(3) Field inspections shall be carried out at a time when the cultural condition of the field and the stage of development of the crop permit the varietal identity, varietal purity and health status of the crop to be adequately checked.

Commencement Information

I96 Sch. 3 para. 5 in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

6. For the purpose of determining whether a crop from which pre-basic seed is to be produced meets the conditions laid down in this Schedule, the crop from which such seed is to be produced shall be treated in the same way as a crop from which basic seed is to be produced.

Commencement Information

I97 Sch. 3 para. 6 in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

SCHEDULE 4

Regulations 2(1), 8(7)(a), 8(8), 8(9), 8(10)(b), 8(11), 8(12)(b), 8(14)(c), 8(17)(b), 11(6) to (13) and (15), 13(3)(b) and (5)(c) to (g), 14(1)(b) and (c) and paragraphs 2(3)(a), 5(3)(a), 9(3)(a), 12(3)(a), 14(3)(a), 17(3)(a), 21(3)(a), 24(3)(a) and 27(2)(a) and (b) and (3)(a) and (b) of Schedule 1

CONDITIONS TO BE SATISFIED BY THE SEED

PART 1

Conditions to be examined mainly by field inspections

1. The seed shall have sufficient varietal identity and varietal purity.

Commencement Information

I98 Sch. 4 para. 1 in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

2. In the case of seed of turnips the minimum varietal purity shall be—
(a) 99.7 per cent in the case of basic seed, and
(b) 98 per cent in the case of CS seed.

Commencement Information

I99 Sch. 4 para. 2 in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

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PART 2

Conditions to be examined by seed testing

3. The seed shall conform to the following standards or other conditions as regards analytical purity and the content of seeds of other plant species—

<i>Column 1</i>	<i>Column 2</i>	<i>Column 3</i>
<i>Species</i>	<i>Minimum analytical purity (percentage by weight)</i>	<i>Maximum content of seeds of other plant species (percentage by weight)</i>
(a) asparagus	96	0.5
(b) beans of the following species—		
(i) broad bean	98	0.1
(ii) French bean	98	0.1
(iii) runner bean	98	0.1
(c) beetroot	97	0.5
(d) Brussels sprouts	97	1.0
(e) red, Savoy and white cabbage	97	1.0
(f) carrot	95	1.0
(g) cauliflower	97	1.0
(h) celery	97	1.0
(i) chard and spinach beet	97	0.5
(j) Chinese cabbage	97	1.0
(k) cucumber and gherkin	98	0.1
(l) curly kale	97	1.0
(m) endive	95	1.0
(n) gourd	98	0.1
(o) kohlrabi	97	1.0
(p) large-leaved chicory and Witloof chicory	95	1.5
(q) leek	97	0.5
(r) lettuce	95	0.5
(s) marrow	98	0.1
(t) melon	98	0.1
(u) onion	97	0.5
(v) Parsley	97	1.0
(w) pea	98	0.1
(x) radish	97	1.0

	<i>Column 1</i>	<i>Column 2</i>	<i>Column 3</i>
	<i>Species</i>	<i>Minimum analytical purity (percentage by weight)</i>	<i>Maximum content of seeds of other plant species (percentage by weight)</i>
(y)	spinach	97	1.0
(z)	sprouting broccoli	97	1.0
(aa)	sweet corn or popcorn	98	0.1
(bb)	tomato	97	0.5
(cc)	turnip	97	1.0

Commencement Information

I100 Sch. 4 para. 3 in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

4.—(1) It shall be determined, by way of a germination test, whether the seed attains the applicable percentage of germination set out in column 2 of the table below—

	<i>Column 1</i>	<i>Column 2</i>
	<i>Species</i>	<i>Minimum germination (percentage clusters or pure seed)</i>
(a)	asparagus	70
(b)	beans of the following species—	
	(i) broad bean	80
	(ii) French bean	75
	(iii) runner bean	80
(c)	beetroot—	
	(i) all except the Cheltenham variety	70
	(ii) the Cheltenham variety	50
(d)	Brussels sprouts	75
(e)	red, Savoy and white cabbage	75
(f)	carrot	65
(g)	cauliflower	70
(h)	celery	70
(i)	chard and spinach beet	70
(j)	Chinese cabbage	75
(k)	cucumber and gherkin	80
(l)	curly kale	75

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<i>Column 1</i>	<i>Column 2</i>
<i>Species</i>	<i>Minimum germination (percentage clusters or pure seed)</i>
(m) endive	65
(n) gourd	80
(o) kohlrabi	75
(p) large-leaved chicory and Witloof chicory	65
(q) leek	65
(r) lettuce	75
(s) marrow	75
(t) melon	75
(u) onion	70
(v) parsley	65
(w) pea	80
(x) radish	70
(y) spinach	75
(z) sprouting broccoli	75
(aa) sweet corn or pop corn	85
(bb) tomato	75
(bb) turnip	80

Commencement Information

I101 Sch. 4 para. 4 in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

5. The seed shall not be contaminated by live Acarina (commonly known as mites).

Commencement Information

I102 Sch. 4 para. 5 in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

6. Seed of broad beans, French beans, runner beans and peas shall not be contaminated by—

- (a) *Acanthoscelides obtectus* Sag.;
- (b) *Bruchus affinis* Froel.;
- (c) *Bruchus atomarius* L.;
- (d) *Bruchus pisorum* L.; or
- (e) *Bruchus rufimanus* Boh.

Commencement Information

I103 Sch. 4 para. 6 in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

7. In the case of varieties of *Zea mays* (Sweet corn – super-sweet types) the required minimum germination capacity is reduced to 80 per cent of pure seed. The official label or the supplier’s label, where appropriate, shall include the words “Minimum germination capacity 80 per cent”.

Commencement Information

I104 Sch. 4 para. 7 in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

PART 3

Other conditions

8. Diseases and harmful organisms which reduce the usefulness of the seed shall be at the lowest possible level that can be achieved.

Commencement Information

I105 Sch. 4 para. 8 in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

PART 4

General provisions

9. For the purpose of determining whether seed meets the conditions laid down in this Schedule pre-basic seed shall be treated in the same way as basic seed.

Commencement Information

I106 Sch. 4 para. 9 in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

[^{F13}PART 5

Examinations used to ascertain whether a crop or seed lot meets the conditions relating to certified seed of a conservation variety, standard seed of a conservation variety and standard seed of an amateur variety

Textual Amendments

F13 Sch. 4 Pt. 5 inserted (11.4.2011) by [The Vegetable Seeds \(Amendment\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2011 \(S.R. 2011/38\)](#), [regs. 1, 8](#)

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10. All examinations of certified seed of a conservation variety, standard seed of a conservation variety and standard seed of an amateur variety used to ascertain whether the crops or seed lots meet the standards in this Schedule applicable to the category shall be carried out in accordance with current international methods insofar as such methods exist.]

SCHEDULE 5

Regulation 13

RE-GRADING OF SEED

Commencement Information

I107 Sch. 5 in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

	<i>Column (1)</i>	<i>Column (2)</i>
1.	(a) UK, EC or overseas tested officially certified pre-basic seed of a listed variety	(a) UK officially certified pre-basic seed of a listed variety
	(b) UK, EC or overseas tested officially certified basic seed of a listed variety	(b) UK officially certified basic seed of a listed variety
	(c) UK, EC or overseas tested officially certified CS seed of a listed variety	(c) UK officially certified CS seed of a listed variety
2.	(a) UK and EC officially certified early movement pre-basic seed of a listed variety	(a) UK officially certified early movement pre-basic seed of a listed variety
	(b) UK and EC officially certified early movement basic seed of a listed variety	(b) UK officially certified early movement basic seed of a listed variety
	(c) UK and EC officially certified early movement CS seed of a listed variety	(c) UK officially certified early movement CS seed of a listed variety

SCHEDULE 6

Regulation 15(1)

CATEGORIES OF SEED THAT MAY BE MARKETED

Breeder's seed

1. Breeder's seed.

Commencement Information

I108 Sch. 6 para. 1 in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

Pre-basic seed of a listed variety

2. UK officially certified pre-basic seed of a listed variety.

Commencement Information

I109 Sch. 6 para. 2 in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

3. EC officially certified pre-basic seed of a listed variety.

Commencement Information

I110 Sch. 6 para. 3 in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

4. Overseas tested officially certified pre-basic seed of a listed variety.

Commencement Information

I111 Sch. 6 para. 4 in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

Basic seed of a listed variety

5. UK officially certified basic seed of a listed variety.

Commencement Information

I112 Sch. 6 para. 5 in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

6. EC officially certified basic seed of a listed variety.

Commencement Information

I113 Sch. 6 para. 6 in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

7. Overseas tested officially certified basic seed of a listed variety.

Commencement Information

I114 Sch. 6 para. 7 in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

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CS seed of a listed variety

8. UK officially certified CS seed of a listed variety.

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Commencement Information

I115 [Sch. 6 para. 8](#) in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

9. EC officially certified CS seed of a listed variety.

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Commencement Information

I116 [Sch. 6 para. 9](#) in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

10. Overseas tested officially certified CS seed of a listed variety.

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Commencement Information

I117 [Sch. 6 para. 10](#) in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

Early movement pre-basic seed of a listed variety

11. UK officially certified early movement pre-basic seed of a listed variety.

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Commencement Information

I118 [Sch. 6 para. 11](#) in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

12. EC officially certified early movement pre-basic seed of a listed variety.

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Commencement Information

I119 [Sch. 6 para. 12](#) in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

Early movement basic seed of a listed variety

13. UK officially certified early movement basic seed of a listed variety.

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Commencement Information

I120 [Sch. 6 para. 13](#) in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

14. EC officially certified early movement basic seed of a listed variety.

Commencement Information

I121 [Sch. 6 para. 14](#) in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

Early movement CS seed of a listed variety

15. UK officially certified early movement CS seed of a listed variety.

Commencement Information

I122 [Sch. 6 para. 15](#) in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

16. EC officially certified early movement CS seed of a listed variety.

Commencement Information

I123 [Sch. 6 para. 16](#) in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

Basic seed of a component of a listed hybrid variety

17. UK officially certified basic seed of a component of a listed hybrid variety

Commencement Information

I124 [Sch. 6 para. 17](#) in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

18. EC officially certified basic seed of a component of a listed hybrid variety.

Commencement Information

I125 [Sch. 6 para. 18](#) in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

19. Overseas tested officially certified basic seed of a component of a listed hybrid variety.

Commencement Information

I126 [Sch. 6 para. 19](#) in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

Early movement basic seed of a component of a listed hybrid variety

20. UK officially certified early movement basic seed of a component of a listed hybrid variety.

Commencement Information

I127 [Sch. 6 para. 20](#) in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

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21. EC officially certified early movement basic seed of a component of a listed hybrid variety.

Commencement Information

I128 Sch. 6 para. 21 in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

Standard seed

22. Standard seed.

Commencement Information

I129 Sch. 6 para. 22 in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

SCHEDULE 7

Regulations 2(1), 22(3) to (6), 26(3) and 28(7)

LOT AND SAMPLE WEIGHTS

Commencement Information

I130 Sch. 7 in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

	<i>Column 1</i> <i>Species</i>	<i>Column 2</i> <i>Maximum weight of a lot</i> <i>(tonnes)</i>	<i>Column 3</i> <i>Minimum weight of a sample to be drawn from a lot</i> <i>(grams)</i>
1.	Asparagus	10	100
2.	Beans of the following species—		
	(a) Broad bean	30	1,000
	(b) French bean	30	700
	(c) Runner bean	20	1,000
3.	Beetroot	20	100
4.	Brussels sprouts	10	25
5.	Cabbages of the following species—		
	(a) Red cabbage	10	25
	(b) Savoy Cabbage	10	25
	(c) White cabbage	10	25
6.	Carrot	10	25
7.	Cauliflower	10	25

<i>Column 1</i>	<i>Column 2</i>	<i>Column 3</i>
<i>Species</i>	<i>Maximum weight of a lot</i>	<i>Minimum weight of a sample to be drawn from a lot</i>
	<i>(tonnes)</i>	<i>(grams)</i>
8. Celery	10	25
9. Chard and spinach beet	20	100
10. Chinese cabbage	10	25
11. Cucumber and gherkin	20	25
12. Curly kale	10	25
13. Endive	10	25
14. Gourd	20	250
15. Kohlrabi	10	25
16. Large-leaved chicory and Witloof chicory	10	25
17. Leek	10	25
18. Lettuce	10	25
19. Marrow	20	150
20. Melon	20	100
21. Onion	10	25
22. Parsley	10	25
23. Pea	30	500
24. Radish	10	50
25. Spinach	10	75
26. Sprouting broccoli	10	25
27. Sweet corn or pop corn	20	1,000
28. Tomato	10	25
29. Turnip	10	25

SCHEDULE 8

Regulations 25(3)(b), (4), (5)(a), (6)(a), (7)(a), (8)(a), (9)(a), (10) and (11)

LABELLING

PART 1

Particulars to be marked or displayed on the sale of unpackaged seed (loose sales)

1. The following particulars shall be given—
 - (a) The words “complies with legal standards”;

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- (b) the species, indicated at least in Roman characters; and
- (c) the variety.

Commencement Information

I131 Sch. 8 para. 1 in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

PART 2

Labelling of packages of breeder's seed

2. Subject to paragraph 28, the package shall be labelled, not later than the time of sealing, on the outside with a supplier's label containing the following particulars—

- (a) the name and address of the supplier responsible for affixing the labels or his registration number;
- (b) the reference number of the lot;
- (c) the species;
- (d) the variety;
- (e) the words "breeder's seed"; and
- (f) the declared net or gross weight or declared number of seeds,

except where those particulars are printed indelibly on the outside of the package.

Commencement Information

I132 Sch. 8 para. 2 in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

3. The label referred to in paragraph 2 shall be coloured buff.

Commencement Information

I133 Sch. 8 para. 3 in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

PART 3

Labelling of packages of officially certified pre-basic seed

Official label for a package of officially certified pre-basic seed

4. Subject to paragraph 28, the package shall be labelled, not later than the time of sealing, on the outside with an official label which has not previously been used containing the following particulars—

- (a) the certification authority and member State or their commonly used initials;
- (b) the reference number of the lot;
- (c) the month and year of sealing or the month and year of the last official sampling for the purposes of certification, expressed respectively as follows—

- (i) by the word “Sealed” followed by the month and year of sealing, or
- (ii) by the word “Sampled” followed by the month and year of official sampling;
- (d) the species, indicated at least in Roman characters—
 - (i) under its botanical name, which may be given in abridged form and without the author’s name; or
 - (ii) under its common name; or
 - (iii) under both;
- (e) the variety, indicated at least in Roman characters;
- (f) the description “pre-basic seed”;
- (g) the number of generations by which the seed precedes CS seed;
- (h) the country of production;
- (i) the declared net or gross weight or declared number of seeds; and
- (j) 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.

Commencement Information

I134 Sch. 8 para. 4 in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

5. The label referred to in paragraph 4 shall be coloured white with a diagonal violet line.

Commencement Information

I135 Sch. 8 para. 5 in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

6. The minimum size of the label referred to in paragraph 4 shall be 110mm x 67mm.

Commencement Information

I136 Sch. 8 para. 6 in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

7. The label referred to in paragraph 4—
- (a) shall be—
 - (i) an adhesive label, or
 - (ii) a label secured to the package by a sealing device approved by the Secretary of State, the Scottish Ministers or the National Assembly for Wales, and
 - (b) shall be fixed to the package by—
 - (i) an authorised officer or any person being supervised by such a person, or
 - (ii) a licensed seed sampler or any person being supervised by such a person.

Status: Point in time view as at 11/04/2011.

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Vegetable Seeds Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009. (See end of Document for details)

Commencement Information

I137 Sch. 8 para. 7 in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

PART 4

Labelling of packages of officially certified basic and CS seed

Official label for a package of officially certified basic or CS seed

8. Subject to paragraph 28, the package shall be labelled, not later than the time of sealing, on the outside with an official label which has not previously been used containing the following particulars—

- (a) the words “EC rules and standards”;
- (b) the name of the certifying authority and member State or their commonly used initials;
- (c) the reference number of the lot;
- (d) the month and year of sealing or the month and year of the last official sampling for the purposes of certification, expressed respectively as follows—
 - (i) by the word “Sealed” followed by the month and year of sealing, or
 - (ii) by the word “Sampled” followed by the month and year of last official sampling for the purposes of certification;
- (e) the species, indicated at least in Roman characters—
 - (i) under its botanical name, which may be given in abridged form and without the author’s name; or
 - (ii) under its common name; or
 - (iii) under both;
- (f) the variety, indicated at least in Roman characters;
- (g) the category;
- (h) the country of production;
- (i) the declared net or gross weight or declared number of seeds;
- (j) where weight is indicated and granulated pesticides, pelleting substances or other solid additives are used, the nature of the additives and also the approximate ratio between the weight of pure seeds and the total weight;
- (k) in the case of—
 - (i) basic seed which is a component of a hybrid variety and the component has been officially accepted on a National List or the Common Catalogue, the name under which the component has been officially accepted, with or without reference to the hybrid variety, accompanied, in the case of a component intended solely as a component for a hybrid variety, by the word “component”;
 - (ii) basic seed which is a component of a hybrid variety and the component has not been officially accepted on a National List or the Common Catalogue, the name of the component, 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”; and

- (iii) CS seed which is a hybrid, the name of the variety accompanied by the word “hybrid”.

Commencement Information

I138 Sch. 8 para. 8 in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

9. Where at least germination has been retested, the words “retested” followed by the month and year of retesting and the authority responsible for such retesting may be indicated on the official label referred to in paragraph 8 or on an official sticker attached to the official label.

Commencement Information

I139 Sch. 8 para. 9 in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

10. The minimum size of the label referred to in paragraph 8 shall be 110mm x 67mm.

Commencement Information

I140 Sch. 8 para. 10 in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

11. The label referred to in paragraph 8 shall be coloured white for basic seed and blue for CS seed.

Commencement Information

I141 Sch. 8 para. 11 in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

12. The label referred to in paragraph 8—
- (a) shall be—
 - (i) an adhesive label, or
 - (ii) a label secured to the package by a sealing device approved by the Secretary of State, the Scottish Ministers or the National Assembly for Wales, and
 - (b) shall be fixed to the package by—
 - (i) an authorised officer or any person being supervised by such a person, or
 - (ii) in a case where the package is being relabelled, by a licensed seed sampler or any person being supervised by such a person.

Commencement Information

I142 Sch. 8 para. 12 in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

Status: Point in time view as at 11/04/2011.

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Vegetable Seeds Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009. (See end of Document for details)

Supplier's label for a small package of officially certified CS seed

13. The package shall be labelled—
- (a) subject to paragraph 28, on the outside;
 - (b) with a label, a printed notice or stamp containing the following information—
 - (i) the words “EC rules and standards”;
 - (ii) the name and address of the supplier responsible for affixing the label or his identification mark;
 - (iii) the marketing year of sealing or the marketing year of last examination of germination, which may be given by reference to the end of the marketing year;
 - (iv) a reference number which enables the seed lot reference number of the seed lot from which the seed in the package has been taken to be identified;
 - (v) the species, indicated at least in Roman characters;
 - (vi) the variety, indicated at least in Roman characters;
 - (vii) the words “certified seed” or the letter “C” or “Z”;
 - (viii) the declared net or gross weight or declared number of seeds except in the case of a small package of seed not exceeding 500 grams in weight; and
 - (ix) where weight is indicated and granulated pesticides, pelleting substances or other solid additives are used, the nature of the additives and also the approximate ratio between the weight of pure seeds and the total weight.

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Commencement Information

I143 Sch. 8 para. 13 in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

14. The label, notice or stamp referred to in paragraph 13 shall be coloured blue.

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Commencement Information

I144 Sch. 8 para. 14 in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

PART 5

Labelling of packages of standard seed

Supplier's label for a package of standard seed other than a small package of such seed

15. The package shall be labelled not later than the time of sealing—
- (a) subject to paragraph 28, on the outside;
 - (b) with a label, a printed notice or stamp containing the following information—
 - (i) the words “EC rules and standards”;
 - (ii) the name and address of the supplier responsible for affixing the label or his identification mark;
 - (iii) the marketing year of sealing or the marketing year of last examination of germination, which may be given by reference to the end of the marketing year;

- (iv) the species, indicated at least in Roman characters;
- (v) the variety, indicated at least in Roman characters;
- (vi) the words “standard seed”;
- (vii) a reference number given by the person responsible for affixing the label which enables the seed lot from which the seed in the package has been taken to be identified;
- (viii) the declared net or gross weight or declared number of seeds; and
- (ix) where weight is indicated and granulated pesticides, pelleting substances or other solid additives are used, the nature of the additives and also the approximate ratio between the weight of pure seeds and the total weight.

Commencement Information

I145 [Sch. 8 para. 15](#) in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

16. Subject to paragraph 29, a reference to any maintenance of the variety may be included on the label, printed notice or stamp referred to in paragraph 15.

Commencement Information

I146 [Sch. 8 para. 16](#) in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

17. The minimum size of the label referred to in paragraph 15 shall be 110mm x 67mm.

Commencement Information

I147 [Sch. 8 para. 17](#) in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

18. The label referred to in paragraph 15 shall be coloured dark yellow.

Commencement Information

I148 [Sch. 8 para. 18](#) in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

19. The label referred to in paragraph 15 shall be fixed to the package by a person registered under regulation 5 of the Seed (Registration, Licensing and Enforcement) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009 as a person who may label standard seed of vegetables.

Commencement Information

I149 [Sch. 8 para. 19](#) in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

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Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Vegetable Seeds Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009. (See end of Document for details)

Supplier's label for a small package of standard seed other than a mixture

20. The package shall be labelled—
- (a) subject to paragraph 28, on the outside;
 - (b) with a label, a printed notice or stamp containing the following information—
 - (i) the words “EC rules and standards”;
 - (ii) the name and address of the supplier responsible for packing the seeds or his identification mark;
 - (iii) the marketing year of sealing or the marketing year of last examination of germination, which may be given by reference to the end of the marketing year;
 - (iv) the species, indicated at least in Roman characters;
 - (v) the variety, indicated at least in Roman characters;
 - (vi) the words “standard seed” or the letters “ST”;
 - (vii) a reference number given by the person responsible for affixing the label which enables the seed lot from which the seed in the package has been taken to be identified;
 - (viii) the declared net or gross weight or declared number of seeds except in the case of small packages not exceeding 500 grams; and
 - (ix) where weight is indicated and granulated pesticides, pelleting substances or other solid additives are used, the nature of the additives and also the approximate ratio between the weight of pure seeds and the total weight.

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Commencement Information

I150 [Sch. 8 para. 20](#) in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

21. Subject to paragraph 29, a reference to any maintenance of the variety may be included on the label, printed notice or stamp referred to in paragraph 20.

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Commencement Information

I151 [Sch. 8 para. 21](#) in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

22. The label referred to in paragraph 20 shall be coloured dark yellow.

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Commencement Information

I152 [Sch. 8 para. 22](#) in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

23. The label referred to in paragraph 20 shall be fixed to the package by a person registered under regulation 5 of the Seed (Registration, Licensing and Enforcement) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009 as a person who may label standard seed of vegetables.

Commencement Information

I153 [Sch. 8 para. 23](#) in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

Supplier's label for a small package of a mixture of standard seed

24. The package shall be labelled—

- (a) subject to paragraph 28, on the outside;
- (b) with a label, a printed notice or stamp containing the following information—
 - (i) the words “EC rules and standards”;
 - (ii) the name and address of the supplier responsible for packing the seeds or his identification mark;
 - (iii) the marketing year of sealing;
 - (iv) the species, indicated at least in Roman characters;
 - (v) the varieties in the mixture, indicated at least in Roman characters;
 - (vi) the words “standard seed” or the letters “ST”;
 - (vii) a reference number given by the person responsible for affixing the label which enables the seed lot from which the seed in the package has been taken to be identified;
 - (viii) the declared net or gross weight or declared number of seeds; and
 - (ix) where weight is indicated and granulated pesticides, pelleting substances or other solid additives are used, the nature of the additives and also the approximate ratio between the weight of pure seeds and the total weight.

Commencement Information

I154 [Sch. 8 para. 24](#) in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

25. Subject to paragraph 29, a reference to any maintenance of a variety included in the mixture may be included on the label, printed notice or stamp referred to in paragraph 24.

Commencement Information

I155 [Sch. 8 para. 25](#) in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

26. The label referred to in paragraph 24 shall be coloured dark yellow.

Commencement Information

I156 [Sch. 8 para. 26](#) in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

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27. The label referred to in paragraph 24 shall be fixed to the package by a person registered under regulation 5 of the Seed (Registration, Licensing and Enforcement) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009 as a person who may label standard seed of vegetables.

Commencement Information

I157 Sch. 8 para. 27 in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

PART 6

General provisions

28. If the packaging material is transparent the label, printed notice or stamp referred to in paragraph 2, 4, 8, 13, 15, 20, 24 or 30 may be placed inside the package provided it can be read through the packaging.

Commencement Information

I158 Sch. 8 para. 28 in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

29.—(1) A reference to the maintenance of a variety shall not be included on the label, printed notice or stamp with which a package is labelled except where—

- (a) the existence of the variety was a matter of common knowledge—
 - (i) in Belgium, France, the Federal Republic of Germany (as it was prior to German unification), Italy, Luxembourg or the Netherlands on 1st July 1970;
 - (ii) in Denmark, Ireland or the United Kingdom on 1st July 1973; or
 - (iii) in Spain on 1st March 1986.
- (b) the Department has been notified that it is intended to include such a reference to the maintenance of the variety on the label; and
- (c) the name of the maintenance appears after the name of the variety, is separated by a dash and is given no greater prominence than the name of the variety.

(2) In this paragraph “maintenance” means a method of maintaining standard seed of a variety entered in a National List or the Common Catalogue, such method being designated by a name chosen by the person responsible for it.

Commencement Information

I159 Sch. 8 para. 29 in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

PART 7

Labelling of Packages of Market Test Seed

Suppliers label for a package of market test seed

30. The package shall be labelled, not later than the time of sealing, on the outside with a supplier's label or a printed or stamped notice which has not previously been used containing the following particulars—

- (a) the reference number of the lot;
- (b) the month and year of sealing;
- (c) the species;
- (d) the denomination of the variety under which the seed is to be marketed (which may be the breeder's reference, the proposed denomination or the approved denomination) and the official application number for listing the variety, if any;
- (e) the statement "variety not yet officially listed";
- (f) the declared net or gross weight or declared number of pure seeds or, where applicable, clusters; and
- (g) where weight is indicated and granulated pesticides, pelleting substances or other solid additives are used, the nature of the additive and the approximate ratio between the weight of pure seeds or, where applicable, clusters and the total weight.

Commencement Information

I160 Sch. 8 para. 30 in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

31. The label or notice referred to in paragraph 30 shall be coloured orange.

Commencement Information

I161 Sch. 8 para. 31 in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

32. The label or notice referred to in paragraph 30 shall be an adhesive label.

Commencement Information

I162 Sch. 8 para. 32 in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

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[^{F14}PART 8

Supplier's label for a package of seed of a conservation variety

Textual Amendments

F14 Sch. 8 Pts. 8, 9 inserted (11.4.2011) by [The Vegetable Seeds \(Amendment\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2011 \(S.R. 2011/38\)](#), regs. 1, 9

33. The supplier's label for a package of seed of a conservation variety shall be a minimum size of 110 millimetres by 67 millimetres, be coloured brown and contain the following information:—

- (a) the words "EU rules and standards";
- (b) the name and address of the person responsible for affixing the label or notice or that person's identification mark;
- (c) the year of sealing, or the year of last sampling for the purposes of the last testing of germination, expressed by the word "sealed" or "sampled" (as the case may be), followed by the year in question;
- (d) the species;
- (e) the denomination of the conservation variety;
- (f) the words "certified seed of a conservation variety" or "standard seed of a conservation variety";
- (g) the region of origin;
- (h) where the region of seed production is different from the region of origin, the indication of the region of seed production;
- (i) the reference number of the lot given by the person responsible for affixing the labels;
- (j) the declared net or gross weight or declared number of seeds;
- (k) where weight is indicated and granulated pesticides, pelleting substances or other solid additives are used, the nature of the chemical treatment or additive and the approximate ratio between the weight of clusters of pure seeds and the total weight.

PART 9

Supplier's label for a package of standard seed of an amateur variety

34. The supplier's label for a package of standard seed of an amateur variety shall contain the following information:—

- (a) the words "EU rules and standards";
- (b) the name and address of the person responsible for affixing the label or notice or that person's identification mark;
- (c) the year of sealing, or the year of last sampling for the purposes of the last testing of germination, expressed by the word "sealed" or "sampled" (as the case may be), followed by the year in question;
- (d) the species;
- (e) the denomination of the amateur variety;
- (f) the words "amateur variety";
- (g) the reference number of the lot given by the person responsible for affixing the labels;

- (h) the declared net or gross weight or declared number of seeds;
- (i) where weight is indicated and granulated pesticides, pelleting substances or other solid additives are used, the nature of the chemical treatment or additive and the approximate ratio between the weight of clusters of pure seeds and the total weight.]

SCHEDULE 9

Regulation 28(2)

LIMITS OF VARIATION

Commencement InformationI163 Sch. 9 in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)**GERMINATION**

<i>Stated minimum percentage of germination (expressed as an integer)</i>	<i>Limit of variation per cent</i>
99-100	2
97-98	3
94-96	4
91-93	5
87-90	6
82-86	7
76-81	8
69-75	9
60-68	10
50-59	11

ANALYTICAL PURITY

<i>Stated minimum percentage of analytical purity (expressed to one decimal point)</i>	<i>Limit of variation per cent</i>
99.9-100	0.2
99.8	0.3
99.6-99.7	0.4
99.3-99.5	0.5
99.0-99.2	0.6
98.5-98.9	0.7
98.3-98.4	0.8
97.5-98.2	0.9
97.0-97.4	1.0

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ANALYTICAL PURITY	
<i>Stated minimum percentage of analytical purity (expressed to one decimal point)</i>	<i>Limit of variation per cent</i>
96.5-96.9	1.1
95.5-96.4	1.2
95.0-95.4	1.3

CONTENT OF SEEDS OF OTHER PLANT SPECIES	
<i>Stated maximum percentage of seeds of other plant species (expressed to one decimal point)</i>	<i>Limit of variation per cent</i>
0.0	0.1
0.1-0.2	0.3
0.3-0.4	0.4
0.5-0.6	0.5
0.7-0.9	0.6
1.0-1.4	0.7
1.5	0.8

SCHEDULE 10

Regulation 31

INDEX OF WORDS AND EXPRESSIONS USED IN THESE REGULATIONS

Commencement Information

I164 Sch. 10 in operation at 31.12.2009, see [reg. 1](#)

The expressions listed in the left-hand column of the following table are defined in the corresponding provisions listed in the right-hand column of the table—

<i>Expression</i>	<i>Provision of these Regulations in which the expression is defined</i>
the 2004 Commission Decision	Regulation 2(1)
the Act	Regulation 2(1)
Annex V(C) document	Regulation 2(1)
another member State	Regulation 2(1)
appropriate time	Regulation 6(4)
asparagus	Regulation 3
authorised officer	Regulation 2(1)
basic seed	Paragraph 8 of Schedule 1
beetroot	Regulation 3

<i>Expression</i>	<i>Provision of these Regulations in which the expression is defined</i>
blended seed lot	Regulation 2(1)
broad bean	Regulation 3
breeder	Regulation 2(1)
breeder's seed	Regulation 2(1)
Brussels sprouts	Regulation 3
carrot	Regulation 3
cauliflower	Regulation 3
celery	Regulation 3
chard and spinach beet	Regulation 3
Chinese cabbage	Regulation 3
Common Catalogue	Regulation 2(1)
component	Regulation 2(1)
control plot	Regulation 2(1)
CS seed	Paragraph 20 of Schedule 1
cucumber and gherkin	Regulation 3
curly kale	Regulation 3
Deliberate Release Directive	Regulation 2(1)
The Department	Regulation 2(1)
Directive crop conditions	Regulation 2(1)
Directive seed conditions	Regulation 2(1)
EC minimum percentage of germination	Regulation 2(1)
EC officially certified basic seed of a listed variety	Paragraph 10 of Schedule 1
EC officially certified basic seed of a component of a listed hybrid variety	Paragraph 15 of Schedule 1
EC officially certified early movement basic seed of a listed variety	Paragraph 13 of Schedule 1
EC officially certified early movement basic seed of a component of a listed hybrid variety	Paragraph 18 of Schedule 1
EC officially certified early movement CS seed of a listed variety	Paragraph 25 of Schedule 1
EC officially certified early movement pre-basic seed of a listed variety	Paragraph 6 of Schedule 1
EC officially certified CS seed of a listed variety	Paragraph 22 of Schedule 1
EC officially certified pre-basic seed of a listed variety	Paragraph 3 of Schedule 1

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<i>Expression</i>	<i>Provision of these Regulations in which the expression is defined</i>
EEA State	Regulation 2(1)
endive	Regulation 3
entered seed lot	Regulation 2(1)
final seed test report	Regulation 12(6)
Food and Feed Regulation	Regulation 2(1)
French bean	Regulation 3
genetically modified	Regulation 2(1)
germination condition	Regulation 2(1)
gourd	Regulation 3
grey label	Paragraph 29(3) of Schedule 1
homogeneous seed lot	Regulation 2(1)
kohlrabi	Regulation 3
large-leaved chicory and Witloof chicory	Regulation 3
late entered seed lot	Regulation 2(1)
leek	Regulation 3
legume	Regulation 3
lettuce	Regulation 3
licensed crop inspector	Regulation 2(1)
licensed EC crop inspector	Regulation 2(1)
licensed EC seed testing station	Regulation 2(1)
licensed seed sampler	Regulation 2(1)
licensed seed testing station	Regulation 2(1)
listed variety	Regulation 2(1)
listing	Regulation 2(1)
maintainer	Regulation 2(1)
maintenance	Paragraph 32(2) of Schedule 8
marketing	Regulation 4
marketing extension	Regulation 2(1)
marketing year	Regulation 2(1)
market test seed	Regulation 2(1)
marrow	Regulation 3
melon	Regulation 3
member State	Regulation 2(1)
a National List	Regulation 2(1)

<i>Expression</i>	<i>Provision of these Regulations in which the expression is defined</i>
not finally certified basic seed harvested in another member State	Paragraph 30 of Schedule 1
not finally certified CS seed harvested in another member State	Paragraph 31 of Schedule 1
not finally certified pre-basic seed harvested in another member State	Paragraph 29 of Schedule 1
official label	Regulation 2(1)
officially certified basic seed	Paragraph 19 of Schedule 1
officially certified CS seed	Paragraph 26 of Schedule 1
officially certified pre-basic seed	Paragraph 7 of Schedule 1
official measures	Regulation 2(1)
official sample	Regulation 2(1)
official UK field inspection	Regulation 2(1)
official UK seed test	Regulation 2(1)
onion	Regulation 3
overseas tested officially certified basic seed of a listed variety	Paragraph 11 of Schedule 1
overseas tested officially certified basic seed of a component of a listed hybrid variety	Paragraph 16 of Schedule 1
overseas tested officially certified CS seed of a listed variety	Paragraph 23 of Schedule 1
overseas tested officially certified pre-basic seed of a listed variety	Paragraph 4 of Schedule 1
parsley	Regulation 3
pea	Regulation 3
pre-basic seed	Paragraph 1 of Schedule 1
previously listed variety	Regulation 2(1)
properly sealed package	Regulation 23(4), (5), (7), (8), (9), (11) and (12)
qualifying seed lot	Regulation 11(15)
radish	Regulation 3
red cabbage	Regulation 3
registered person	Regulation 2(1)
regulation 18 authorisation	Regulation 2(1)
regulation 19 authorisation	Regulation 2(1)
runner bean	Regulation 3
Savoy cabbage	Regulation 3

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<i>Expression</i>	<i>Provision of these Regulations in which the expression is defined</i>
Schedule 4 germination test	Regulation 2(1)
Secretary of State	Regulation 2(1)
seed industry activity	Regulation 2(1)
seed that is subject to official post control	Regulation 8(18)
seed that has been subject to satisfactory official post control	Regulation 2(1)
seed lot	Regulation 2(1)
small package	Regulation 2(1)
spinach	Regulation 3
sprouting broccoli	Regulation 3
standard seed	Paragraph 28 of Schedule 1
sweet corn or popcorn	Regulation 3
third country	Regulation 2(1)
tomato	Regulation 3
turnip	Regulation 3
UK field inspection carried out under official supervision	Regulation 2(1)
UK officially certified basic seed of a listed variety	Paragraph 9 of Schedule 1
UK officially certified basic seed of a component of a listed hybrid variety	Paragraph 14 of Schedule 1
UK officially certified CS seed of a listed variety	Paragraph 21 of Schedule 1
UK officially certified early movement basic seed of a listed variety	Paragraph 12 of Schedule 1
UK officially certified early movement CS seed of a listed variety	Paragraph 24 of Schedule 1
UK officially certified early movement pre-basic seed of a listed variety	Paragraph 5 of Schedule 1
UK officially certified early movement basic seed of a component of a listed hybrid variety	Paragraph 17 of Schedule 1
UK officially certified pre-basic seed of a listed variety	Paragraph 2 of Schedule 1
UK seed test carried out under official supervision	Regulation 2(1)
unlisted variety	Regulation 2(1)
the Vegetable Seed Directive	Regulation 2(1)
whenever carried out	Regulation 2(1)

<i>Expression</i>	<i>Provision of these Regulations in which the expression is defined</i>
white cabbage	Regulation 3
writing	Regulation 2(3)

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

These Regulations consolidate the Vegetable Seeds Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1994, as amended by the Vegetable Seeds (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996, the Seeds (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997, the Vegetable Seeds (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000, the Vegetable Seeds (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001, and the Seeds (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008.

They include minor amendments that give effect (in relation to the marketing of vegetable seed) to Commission Directive [2008/62/EC](#) providing for certain derogations for acceptance of agricultural landraces and varieties which are naturally adapted to the local and regional conditions and threatened by genetic erosion and for marketing of seed and seed potatoes of those landraces and varieties (OJ No L 162, 21.6.08, p 13).

They also give effect to Commission Directive [2009/74/EC](#) amending Directives [66/401/EEC](#), [66/402/EEC](#), [2002/55/EC](#) and [2002/57/EC](#) as regards the botanical names of plants, the scientific names of other organisms and certain annexes to Directives [66/401/EEC](#) and [2002/57/EC](#) in the light of developments or scientific and technical knowledge.

Regulation 21 provides for the marketing of seed of a conservation variety (“conservation variety” is defined in regulation 2(1), and regulations 22 to 26 make consequential amendments to provisions dealing with sampling, packaging and labelling.

These Regulations also provide for the collection by the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development of fees for certain services connected with the certification of vegetable seed for marketing, and revoke the Seeds (Fees) (No2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2002 insofar as they relate to matters arising under the Vegetable Seeds Regulations 1994.

No impact assessment has been prepared for this Rule, as no conservation varieties of vegetable seed have been identified in Northern Ireland, and the consolidation of the Cereal Seeds Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1994, as amended, effects no significant change to the regulation of the vegetable seed market in Northern Ireland.

Status:

Point in time view as at 11/04/2011.

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Vegetable Seeds Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009.