

SCHEDULE 1

Regulation 4

Seed to which these Regulations apply

<i>Plants to which the Regulations apply</i>	<i>Common name (for guidance only)</i>
Beet	
<i>Beta vulgaris</i> L.	sugar beet, fodder beet (including mangel)
Cereals	
<i>Avena nuda</i> L.	small naked oat, hulless oat
<i>Avena sativa</i> L. (includes <i>A.byzantina</i> K. Koch)	oats and red oat
<i>Hordeum vulgare</i> L.	barley
<i>Secale cereale</i> L.	rye
<i>Triticum aestivum</i> L.	wheat
<i>Triticum durum</i> Desf.	durum wheat
<i>Triticum spelta</i> L.	spelt wheat
x <i>Triticosecale</i> Wittm. ex A. Camus – hybrids resulting from the crossing of a species of the genus <i>Triticum</i> and a species of the genus <i>Secale</i>	triticale
<i>Zea mays</i> L. (partim)	maize (except popcorn and sweetcorn)
Fodder Plants	
Fine grasses:	
<i>Agrostis canina</i> L.	velvet bent
<i>Agrostis capillaris</i> L.	brown top
<i>Agrostis gigantea</i> Roth	red top
<i>Agrostis stolonifera</i> L.	creeping bent grass
<i>Festuca filiformis</i> Pourr.	fine leaved sheep's fescue
<i>Festuca ovina</i> L.	sheep's fescue
<i>Festuca rubra</i> L.	red fescue, Chewings fescue
<i>Festuca trachyphylla</i> (Hack.) Krajina	hard fescue
<i>Poa annua</i> L.	annual meadowgrass
<i>Poa nemoralis</i> L.	wood meadowgrass
<i>Poa pratensis</i> L.	smooth-stalked meadowgrass
<i>Poa trivialis</i> L.	rough-stalked meadowgrass
x <i>Festulolium</i> Asch. & Graebn. – hybrids resulting from the crossing of a species of the genus <i>Festuca</i> with a species of the genus <i>Lolium</i>	festulolium
Fodder grasses:	
<i>Arrhenatherum elatius</i> (L.) P. Beauv.ex J. Presl & C. Presl	tall oatgrass

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<i>Bromus catharticus</i> Vahl.	rescue grass
<i>Bromus sitchensis</i> Trin.	Alaska brome-grass
<i>Dactylis glomerata</i> L.	cocksfoot
<i>Festuca arundinacea</i> Schreber	tall fescue
<i>Festuca pratensis</i> Huds.	meadow fescue
<i>Lolium multiflorum</i> Lam.	Italian ryegrass including Westerwold ryegrass
<i>Lolium perenne</i> L.	perennial ryegrass
[^{F1} <i>Lolium x hybridum</i> Hausskn]	hybrid ryegrass
<i>Phleum nodosum</i> L.	small timothy
<i>Phleum pratense</i> L.	timothy
Small seeded legumes:	
<i>Lotus corniculatus</i> L.	birdsfoot trefoil
<i>Medicago lupulina</i> L.	trefoil, black medick
<i>Medicago sativa</i> L.	lucerne
<i>Medicago x varia</i> T. Martyn	sand lucerne
<i>Onobrychis viciifolia</i> Scop.	sainfoin
<i>Trifolium hybridum</i> L.	alsike clover
<i>Trifolium pratense</i> L.	red clover
<i>Trifolium repens</i> L.	white clover
Large seeded legumes	
<i>Lupinus albus</i> L.	white lupin
<i>Lupinus angustifolius</i> L.	narrow leaved lupin (previously known as blue lupin)
<i>Lupinus luteus</i> L.	yellow lupin
<i>Pisum sativum</i> L. (partim)	field pea
<i>Vicia faba</i> L. (partim)	field bean
<i>Vicia pannonica</i> Crantz	Hungarian vetch
<i>Vicia sativa</i> L.	common vetch
<i>Vicia villosa</i> Roth	hairy vetch
Crucifers	
<i>Brassica napus</i> L. var. <i>napobrassica</i> (L.) Rchb.	swede
<i>Brassica oleracea</i> L. convar. <i>acephala</i> (DC). Alef. var. <i>medullosa</i> Thell. + var. <i>viridis</i> L.	fodder kale
<i>Raphanus sativus</i> L. var. <i>oleiformis</i> Pers.	fodder radish
Oil and Fibre plants	
<i>Brassica juncea</i> (L.) Czern.	brown mustard

<i>Brassica napus</i> (L.) (partim)	swede rape (including plants commonly known as fodder rape and oilseed rape)
<i>Brassica nigra</i> (L.) W.D.J. Koch	black mustard
<i>Brassica rapa</i> L. var. <i>silvestris</i> (Lam.) Briggs	turnip rape
<i>Cannabis sativa</i> L.	hemp
<i>Glycine max</i> (L.) Merr.	soya bean
<i>Helianthus annuus</i> L.	sunflower
<i>Linum usitatissimum</i> L.	flax, linseed
<i>Sinapis alba</i> L.	white mustard
[^{F2} Vegetables	
<i>Allium cepa</i> L.	—
—Cepa Group	Onion, Echalion
<i>Allium porrum</i> L.	Leek
—all varieties	
<i>Apium graveolens</i> L.	—
—Celery Group	—
—Celeriac Group	—
<i>Asparagus officinalis</i> L.	Asparagus
—all varieties	
<i>Beta vulgaris</i> L.	—
—Garden Beet Group	Beetroot including Cheltenham beet
—Leaf Beet Group	Spinach beet or Chard
<i>Brassica oleracea</i> L.	—
—Kale Group	—
—Cauliflower Group	—
—Capitata Group	Red cabbage and White cabbage
—Brussel Sprouts Group	—
—Kohlrabi Group	—
—Savoy Cabbage Group	—
—Broccoli Group	Calabrese type and Sprouting type
—Palm Kale Group	—
—Tronchuda Group	Portuguese cabbage
<i>Brassica rapa</i> L.	—
—Chinese Cabbage Group	—
—Vegetable Turnip Group	—
<i>Cichorium endivia</i> L.	Endive
—all varieties	
<i>Cichorium intybus</i> L.	—
—Leaf Chicory Group	Large-leaved chicory or Italian chicory
<i>Cucumis melo</i> L.	Melon
—all varieties	
<i>Cucumis sativus</i> L.	—
—Cucumber Group	—

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—Gherkin Group	—
<i>Cucurbita maxima</i> Duchesne	Gourd
—all varieties	
<i>Cucurbita pepo</i> L.	Marrow, including mature pumpkin and scallop squash, or Courgette, including immature scallop squash)
—all varieties	
<i>Daucus carota</i> L.	Carrot and Fodder Carrot
—all varieties	
<i>Lactuca sativa</i> L.	Lettuce
—all varieties	
<i>Solanum lycopersicum</i> L.	Tomato
—all varieties	
<i>Petroselinum crispum</i> (Mill.) Nyman ex A. W. Hill	—
—Leaf Parsley Group	—
—Root Parsley Group	—
<i>Phaseolus coccineus</i> L.	Runner bean
—all varieties	
<i>Phaseolus vulgaris</i> L.	—
—Dwarf French Bean Group	—
—Climbing French Bean Group	—
<i>Pisum sativum</i> L.	—
—Round Pea Group	—
—Wrinkled Pea Group	—
—Sugar Pea Group	—
<i>Raphanus sativus</i> L.	—
—Radish Group	—
—Black Radish Group	—
<i>Spinacia oleracea</i> L.	Spinach
—all varieties	
<i>Vicia faba</i> L.	Broad bean
—all varieties	
<i>Zea mays</i> L.	—
—Sweet Corn Group	—
—Popcorn group	—
Any hybrid of the vegetable species or Groups listed above]	

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in Sch. 1 substituted (11.12.2017) by [The Seed Marketing \(Amendment\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2017 \(S.R. 2017/222\)](#), regs. 1, 2
- F2** Words in Sch. 1 Table substituted (28.12.2020) by [The Seed Marketing \(Amendment\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2020 \(S.R. 2020/301\)](#), regs. 1, 2(3) (as amended by S.R. 2020/322, regs. 1, 2)

SCHEDULE 2

Regulations 10, 11, 13 and 24

Certification requirements

^{F3}Part A1

Introduction

Textual Amendments

- F3** Sch. 2 Pt. A1 inserted (28.12.2020) by [The Seed Marketing \(Amendment\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2020 \(S.R. 2020/301\)](#), regs. 1, **2(4)(a)** (as amended by [S.R. 2020/322](#), regs. 1, **2**)

Interpretation

A1. In this Schedule—

“EU Plant Health Regulation” means Regulation (EU) 2016/2031 of the European Parliament and of the Council on protective measures against pests of plants;

“protected zone quarantine pest” means a pest within the meaning given in Article 32(1) of the EU Plant Health Regulation;

“RNQP” means a regulated non-quarantine pest within the meaning given in Article 36 of the EU Plant Health Regulation;

“Union quarantine pest” means a pest within the meaning given in Article 4 of the EU Plant Health Regulation.]

PART 1

Beet

Interpretation of Part 1

1. In this Part—

- (a) “monogerm seed” means seed that is genetically monogerm; and
- (b) “precision seed” means seed designed for use in precision drills to produce single seedlings.

Permitted types of beet seed

2. Beet seed must be—

- (a) pre-basic seed;
- (b) basic seed; or
- (c) certified seed.

Meaning of “pre-basic” seed

3. Pre-basic seed is seed—

- (a) produced from a generation prior to pre-basic seed by or under the responsibility of the breeder according to well-defined practices for the maintenance of the variety; and
- (b) intended for the production of—
 - (i) more pre-basic seed;
 - (ii) basic seed; or
 - (iii) with the breeder's written authority, certified seed.

Meaning of “basic seed”

4. Basic seed is seed—
- (a) produced under the responsibility of the breeder according to well-defined practices for the maintenance of the variety; and
 - (b) intended for the production of certified seed.

Meaning of “certified seed”

5. Certified seed is seed that is of direct descent from basic seed and is intended for the production of beet.

Crop and seed requirements

6.—(1) Crop inspections by official or licensed crop inspectors must be carried out in accordance with Article 2(3)(A)[^{F4}(a) to (d)] of, and Annex I(A) to, Council Directive [2002/54/EC](#) on the marketing of beet seed, and the crop must satisfy the conditions in that Annex.

(2) The seed produced by the crop must be sampled in accordance with Article 9(2) of, and Annex II to, that Directive, and must satisfy the conditions in Annex I(B) to that Directive.

(3) It must be labelled in accordance with [^{F5}Schedule 3].

(4) The maximum moisture content must not exceed 15% by weight.

(5) Diseases and harmful organisms that reduce the usefulness of the seed must be at the lowest possible level.

[^{F6}(6) For the purposes of this paragraph, Council Directive [2002/54/EC](#) is to be read as if—

- (a) in Article 2(3)(A)(a)(iii), for “officially licensed by the seed certification authority of the member State concerned”, there were substituted “ licensed by the Department ”;
- (b) in Annex I—
 - (i) in point A—
 - (aa) in paragraph 3, for “certification authority” there were substituted “ Department ”;
 - (bb) in the last paragraph, for the words from “the common” to “that Directive”, there were substituted “ United Kingdom National List ”;
 - (ii) in point B, in paragraph 3(c)—
 - (aa) the reference to “member States” were a reference to “The Department”;
 - (bb) the reference to “Community” were omitted.]

Textual Amendments

- F4** Words in Sch. 2 para. 6(1) inserted (31.12.2020) by The Marketing of Seeds and Plant Propagating Material (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/211), regs. 1(1), **50(a)(i)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F5** Words in Sch. 2 para. 6(3) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Marketing of Seeds and Plant Propagating Material (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/211), regs. 1(1), **50(a)(ii)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F6** Sch. 2 para. 6(6) inserted (31.12.2020) by The Marketing of Seeds and Plant Propagating Material (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/211), regs. 1(1), **50(a)(iii)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

PART 2

Cereals

Permitted types of cereal seed

7.—(1) Cereal seed must be—

- (a) pre-basic seed;
- (b) basic seed;
- (c) certified seed;
- (d) certified seed, first generation;
- (e) certified seed, second generation; or
- (f) seed of a higher voluntary standard.

(2) The seed may be a mixture of cereal species of different varieties provided that each variety in the mixture is certified and is effective against the propagation of harmful organisms.

Meaning of “pre-basic seed” (including hybrids)

8. Pre-basic seed (including hybrids) is seed—

- (a) produced from a generation prior to pre-basic seed or from pre-basic seed by or under the responsibility of the breeder according to well-defined practices for the maintenance of the variety; and
- (b) intended for the production of—
 - (i) more pre-basic seed;
 - (ii) basic seed; or
 - (iii) with the breeder's written authority, certified seed of categories CS, C1 or C2 (hybrid varieties may not be produced to C1 or C2).

Meaning of “basic seed”

9. Basic seed is seed complying with the following conditions.

Type of cereal

Condition

Self-pollinating varieties of oats, naked oats, barley, rye, triticale, wheat, durum wheat and spelt wheat	The seed must be—	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) produced under the responsibility of the breeder according to well-defined practices for the maintenance of the variety; and (b) intended for the production of certified seed of categories CS, C1 or C2
Hybrid varieties of oats, barley, rye, wheat, durum wheat, spelt wheat, triticale and maize	The seed must be intended for the production of hybrids	
Maize spp. open-pollinated varieties	The seed must be—	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) produced under the responsibility of the breeder according to well-defined practices for the maintenance of the variety; and (b) intended for the production of seed of this variety of the category “certified seed” triple cross or of top cross hybrid variety or of intervarietal hybrids
Maize, inbred lines	Any seed	

Meaning of “certified seed”

10. Certified seed is seed—
- (a) of rye and maize and hybrids of barley, oats, wheat, durum wheat, spelt wheat and self-pollinating triticale;
 - (b) that has been produced directly from basic seed or, if the breeder so requests, from seed of a generation prior to basic seed that satisfies the conditions for basic seed;
 - (c) that is intended for purposes other than the production of cereal seed.

Meaning of “certified seed, first generation”

11. Certified seed, first generation is seed—
- (a) of oats, barley, triticale, wheat, durum wheat or spelt wheat other than hybrids in each case;
 - (b) produced directly from basic seed or, if the breeder so requests, from pre-basic seed that satisfies the conditions for basic seed;
 - (c) intended either for the production of seed of the category “certified seed, second generation” or for purposes other than the production of cereal seed.

Meaning of “certified seed, second generation”

12. Certified seed, second generation is seed—
- (a) of oats, barley, triticale, wheat, durum wheat or spelt wheat other than hybrids in each case;
 - (b) produced directly from basic seed, from certified seed, first generation or, if the breeder so requests, from pre-basic seed that satisfies the conditions for basic seed;
 - (c) intended for purposes other than the production of cereal seed.

Crop and seed requirements

13.—(1) Crop inspections by official or licensed crop inspectors must be carried out in accordance with Article 2(3)(A)^[F7(a) to (d)] of, and Annex I to, Council Directive 66/402/EEC on the marketing of cereal seed, and the crop from which the seed has been produced must—

- (a) satisfy the conditions in that Annex; and
- (b) be found to be free from plants of wild oat.

(2) The seed produced by the crop must be sampled in accordance with Article 7 of, and Annex III to, that Directive ^[F8(with the omission of paragraphs 1a(f) and 1b)] and must—

- (a) satisfy the conditions in Annex II to that Directive; and
- (b) be free of seeds of wild oat in a 3 kilogram sample.

^[F9(2A)] For the purposes of sub-paragraphs (1) and (2), Council Directive 66/402/EEC is to be read as if—

- (a) in Article 2(3)(A)(a)(iii), for “officially licensed by the seed certification authority of the member State concerned”, there were substituted “ licensed by the Department ”;
- (b) in Article 7—
 - (i) the reference to “member States” were a reference to “The Department”;
 - (ii) in paragraph 1a(a), for “seed certification authority of the member State concerned”, there were substituted “ Department ”.]

(3) The moisture content must not exceed 17% by weight.

^[F10(4)] The crop and the seed produced by the crop must be practically free from any pests which reduce the usefulness and quality of the seed.

(5) The crop and the seed produced by the crop must comply with the requirements concerning Union quarantine pests, protected zone quarantine pests and RNQPs provided for in implementing acts adopted pursuant to the EU Plant Health Regulation, and measures adopted pursuant to Article 30(1) of that Regulation.]

Textual Amendments

- F7** Words in Sch. 2 para. 13(1) inserted (31.12.2020) by [The Marketing of Seeds and Plant Propagating Material \(Amendment\) \(Northern Ireland\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/211\)](#), regs. 1(1), **50(b)(i)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F8** Words in Sch. 2 para. 13(2) inserted (31.12.2020) by [The Marketing of Seeds and Plant Propagating Material \(Amendment\) \(Northern Ireland\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/211\)](#), regs. 1(1), **50(b)(ii)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F9** Sch. 2 para. 13(2A) inserted (31.12.2020) by [The Marketing of Seeds and Plant Propagating Material \(Amendment\) \(Northern Ireland\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/211\)](#), regs. 1(1), **50(b)(iii)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F10** Sch. 2 para. 13(4)(5) substituted for Sch. 2 para. 13(4) (28.12.2020) by [The Seed Marketing \(Amendment\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2020 \(S.R. 2020/301\)](#), regs. 1, **2(4)(b)** (as amended by S.R. 2020/322, regs. 1, 2)

Higher voluntary standards for cereals

14.—(1) Barley, oats, wheat (including durum wheat and spelt wheat) or naked oats classified as basic seed, or certified seed of categories C1 or C2, may be marketed as being of a higher voluntary standard, which is a standard higher than that required under paragraph 13, if it meets the higher standards specified in this paragraph and paragraphs 15, 16 and 17.

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- (2) The seed must meet the minimum standards laid down in paragraph 13.
- (3) The seed must have at least 99.99% (by number) species purity.
- (4) Other than a hybrid, the minimum varietal purity of seed is—
 - (a) 99.95% for basic seed;
 - (b) 99.9% for C1 seed;
 - (c) 99.7% for C2 seed.
- (5) In the case of C1 and C2 the seed must have 99% by weight analytical purity.

Additional requirements for barley, wheat, durum wheat and spelt wheat

15. In the case of barley, wheat, durum wheat and spelt wheat the maximum percentage by number of loose smut infection in seed is—

- (a) 0.1% for basic seed;
- (b) 0.2% for C1 and C2 seed.

16. The number of seeds from other plant species in a sample of 1 kilogram must not exceed the following.

Seed of other species

<i>Category of seed sampled</i>	<i>All other plant species (including species specified in columns 3 to 6)</i>	<i>Other cereal species</i>	<i>All plant species other than cereals</i>	<i>Darnel</i>	<i>Wild radish, corn cockle, sterile brome or couch</i>
Basic seed	1	0	1	0	0 ¹
C1	2	1	1	0	1
C2	4	3	2	0	1

¹ Only in respect of wild radish and corn cockle.

Ergot and sclerotia

- 17. In a sample of 1 kilogram—
 - (a) in the case of basic seed there must be no ergot or sclerotia;
 - (b) in the case of certified seed (C1 and C2) there must be no more than one piece of ergot or sclerotia.

PART 3

Fodder plants

Permitted types of fodder seed

- 18.—(1) Fodder seed must be—
 - (a) pre-basic seed;

- (b) basic seed;
- (c) certified seed;
- (d) certified seed, first generation;
- (e) certified seed, second generation;
- (f) commercial seed; or
- (g) seed of a higher voluntary standard.

(2) The seed may be a mixture of fodder species of different varieties provided that each variety in the mixture is certified.

Meaning of “pre-basic seed”

19. Pre-basic seed is seed—

- (a) produced from a generation prior to pre-basic seed by or under the responsibility of the breeder according to well-defined practices for the maintenance of the variety; and
- (b) intended for the production of—
 - (i) more pre-basic seed;
 - (ii) basic seed; or
 - (iii) with the breeder's written authority, certified seed CS, C1 or C2.

Meaning of “basic seed”

20.—(1) Basic seed is seed of—

- (a) bred varieties; or
- (b) local varieties.

(2) Seed of bred varieties is seed—

- (a) produced under the responsibility of the breeder according to well-defined practices for the maintenance of the variety;
- (b) intended for the production of certified seed.

(3) Seed of local varieties is seed—

- (a) produced under official control from material officially accepted as being of the local variety on one or more holdings situated within a clearly demarcated region of origin;
- (b) intended for the production of certified seed.

Meaning of “certified seed”

21. Certified seed is seed (other than of field beans, field peas, lucerne (*Medicago sativa*), lupins and vetches)—

- (a) produced directly from basic seed or, if the breeder so requests, from pre-basic seed that satisfies the conditions for basic seed;
- (b) intended for purposes other than the production of seed.

Meaning of “certified seed, first generation”

22. Certified seed, first generation in relation to field beans, field peas, lucerne (*Medicago sativa*), lupins and vetches is seed—

- (a) produced directly from basic seed or, if the breeder so requests, from pre-basic seed that satisfies the conditions for basic seed;
- (b) intended for—
 - (i) the production of certified seed, second generation (in the case of field beans and field peas only); or
 - (ii) purposes other than the production of seed (in all cases).

Meaning of “certified seed, second generation”

23. Certified seed, second generation in relation to field beans, field peas, lucerne (*Medicago sativa*), lupins and vetches is seed—

- (a) produced directly from basic seed, from certified seed, first generation (C1) or, if the breeder so requests, from pre-basic seed that satisfies the conditions for basic seed;
- (b) intended for purposes other than the production of seed of fodder plants.

Meaning of “commercial seed”

24. Commercial seed is seed of annual meadowgrass, Hungarian vetch or sainfoin that is identifiable as belonging to a species.

Crop and seed requirements

25.—(1) Crop inspections by official or licensed crop inspectors must be carried out in accordance with Article 2(3)(A)^[F11](a) to (d) of, and Annex I to, Council Directive 66/401/EEC on the marketing of fodder plant seed, and the crop must satisfy the conditions in that Annex.

^[F12](1A) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (1), Council Directive 66/401/EEC is to be read as if—

- (a) in Article 2(3)(A)(a)(iii), for “officially licensed by the seed certification authority of the member State concerned”, there were substituted “licensed by the Department”;
- (b) in Annex I, in paragraph 4, in the second sub-paragraph, the words from “Upon” to the end were omitted.]

^[F13](1A) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (1), Council Directive 66/401/EEC is to be read as if—

- (a) in Article 2(3)(A)(a)(iii), for “officially licensed by the seed certification authority of the member State concerned”, there were substituted “licensed by the Department”;
- (b) in Annex 1, in Part 4, in the second sub-paragraph, the words from “Upon” to “appropriate means” were omitted.]

(2) The seed produced by the crop must be sampled in accordance with Article 7 of, and Annex III to, that Directive, and must satisfy the conditions in Annex II to that Directive.

^[F14](3) The crop and the seed produced by the crop must be practically free from any pests which reduce the usefulness and quality of the seed.

(4) The crop and seed produced by the crop must comply with the requirements concerning Union quarantine pests, protected zone quarantine pests and RNQPs provided for in implementing acts adopted pursuant to the EU Plant Health Regulation, as well as measures adopted pursuant to Article 30(1) of that Regulation.]

Textual Amendments

- F11** Words in Sch. 2 para. 25(1) inserted (31.12.2020) by The Marketing of Seeds and Plant Propagating Material (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/211), regs. 1(1), **50(c)(i)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F12** Sch. 2 para. 25(1A) inserted (31.12.2020) by The Marketing of Seeds and Plant Propagating Material (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/211), regs. 1(1), **50(c)(ii)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F13** Sch. 2 para. 25(1A) inserted (31.12.2020) by The Seed Marketing and Fertilisers (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020 (S.R. 2020/319), regs. 1, **3(f)**
- F14** Sch. 2 para. 25(3)(4) substituted for Sch. 2 para. 25(3) (28.12.2020) by The Seed Marketing (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020 (S.R. 2020/301), regs. 1, **2(4)(c)** (as amended by S.R. 2020/322, regs. 1, 2)

Higher voluntary standards for fodder seed

26. In the case of cocksfoot, festulolium, hybrid ryegrass, Italian ryegrass, lucerne, meadow fescue, perennial ryegrass, red clover, red fescue, sainfoin, small timothy, timothy, smooth stalked meadow grass, tall fescue and white clover, certified seed (CS) may be marketed as certified seed of a higher voluntary standard, where the sample of seed taken under paragraph 25(2) satisfies the standards specified in the following Table.

<i>Column header</i>	<i>Minimum purity (% by weight) of all other species</i>	<i>Total weight of a single other species (% by weight)</i>	<i>Seed of Rumex spp excluding R acetosella and R maritimus</i>	<i>Seed of couch</i>	<i>Seed of blackgrass</i>	<i>Limits of other specific species</i>
Fine grasses						
festulolium	98	1.5	0	0	10	0
red fescue	95	1.5	0.5	5	10	10
smooth-stalked meadowgrass	90	1.5	0.5	2	3	3
Fodder grasses						
cocksfoot	90	1.5	0.5	5	10	10
meadow fescue, tall fescue	98	1.5	0.5	5	10	10
						0.3% rough stalked meadowgrass, 0.3% ryegrass

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Seed Marketing Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016. (See end of Document for details)

hybrid ryegrass, Italian ryegrass, perennial ryegrass	98	1.5	0.5	5	10	10	0.4% annual meadowgrass, 0.3% rough stalked meadowgrass
small timothy, timothy Small seeded legumes	98	1.5	0.5	4	10	10	0.3% <i>Argostis spp</i>
lucerne, red clover, white clover	98	1.5	0.5	10	10	10	0.3% <i>Melilotus spp</i>
sainfoin	98	1.5	0.5	5	10	10	0.3% <i>Melilotus spp</i>

PART 4

Oil and fibre

Permitted types of oil and fibre seed

27. Oil and fibre seed must be—

- (a) pre-basic seed;
- (b) basic seed;
- (c) certified seed;
- (d) certified seed, first generation;
- (e) certified seed, second generation;
- (f) certified seed, third generation; or
- (g) commercial seed.

Meaning of “pre-basic seed”

28.—(1) Pre-basic seed is seed of a generation prior to basic seed—

- (a) that has been produced by or under the responsibility of the breeder according to well-defined 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 written authority—
 - (i) in the case of black mustard, brown mustard, dioecious hemp, sunflower, swede rape, turnip rape or white mustard, CS seed;
 - (ii) in the case of monoecious hemp or soya bean, C1 or C2 seed;
 - (iii) in the case of flax or linseed, C1 C2 or C3 seed.

(2) But in relation to a component of a hybrid variety, “pre-basic seed” means seed of a generation prior to basic seed that is intended to be used for the production of—

- (a) more pre-basic seed;

- (b) basic seed; or
- (c) with the breeder's written authority, CS seed.

Meaning of “basic seed” for non-hybrid varieties

29. In the case of a non-hybrid variety, basic seed is seed—
- (a) produced under the responsibility of the breeder according to well-defined practices for the maintenance of the variety;
 - (b) intended for the production of—
 - (i) certified seed;
 - (ii) certified seed, first generation;
 - (iii) certified seed, second generation; or
 - (iv) certified seed, third generation.

Meaning of “basic seed” for inbred lines

30. In the case of an inbred line, basic seed is seed of an inbred line of a hybrid that satisfies the conditions for basic seed.

Meaning of “basic seed” for simple hybrids

31. In the case of a simple hybrid, basic seed is seed intended for the production of hybrids.

Meaning of “certified seed”

32. Certified seed is seed of black, brown and white mustard, dioecious hemp, sunflower, swede rape or turnip rape—
- (a) produced directly from basic seed or, if the breeder so requests, from seed of a generation prior to basic seed that satisfies the conditions for basic seed;
 - (b) intended for purposes other than the production of seed of oil or fibre plants.

Meaning of “certified seed, first generation”

33. Certified seed, first generation is seed of monoecious hemp, flax, linseed or soya—
- (a) produced directly from basic seed or, if the breeder so requests, from pre-basic seed that satisfies the conditions for basic seed;
 - (b) intended for the production of—
 - (i) certified seed, second generation;
 - (ii) where appropriate, certified seed, third generation; or
 - (iii) for purposes other than the production of seed of oil or fibre plants.

Meaning of “certified seed, second generation”

- 34.—(1) Certified seed, second generation is seed of flax, linseed, soya or monoecious hemp.
- (2) In the case of flax, linseed and soya it is seed—
- (a) produced directly from basic seed, from certified seed, first generation or, if the breeder so requests, from pre-basic seed that satisfies the conditions for basic seed; and
 - (b) intended for—

- (i) purposes other than the production of seed; or
 - (ii) where appropriate, the production of certified seed, third generation.
- (3) In the case of monoecious hemp it is seed—
- (a) produced directly from certified seed, first generation established and officially controlled with a view to the production of certified seed, second generation; and
 - (b) intended for the production of hemp to be harvested in flower.

Meaning of “certified seed, third generation”

35. Certified seed, third generation is seed from flax or linseed—
- (a) of direct descent from basic seed, from certified seed, first or second generation or, if the breeder so requests, from seed of a generation prior to basic seed; and
 - (b) intended for purposes other than the production of seed.

Meaning of “commercial seed”

36. Commercial seed (black mustard seed only) is seed that is identifiable as belonging to a species.

Crop and seed requirements

37.—(1) Crop inspections by official or licensed crop inspectors must be carried out in accordance with Article 2(5)(A)^[F15](a) to (d)] of, and Annex I to, Council Directive [2002/57/EC](#) on the marketing of seed of oil and fibre plants, and the crop must satisfy the conditions in that Annex.

^[F16](1A) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (1), Council Directive [2002/57/EC](#) is to be read as if—

- (a) in Article 2(5)(A)(a)(iii), for “officially licensed by the seed certification authority of the member State concerned”, there were substituted “ licensed by the Department ”;
- (b) in Annex 2, in Part 1, in paragraph 5C the last sub-paragraph were omitted.]

(2) The seed produced by the crop must be sampled in accordance with Annex III to that Directive and must satisfy the conditions in Annex II to that Directive.

^[F17](3) The crop and the seed produced by the crop must be practically free from any pests which reduce the usefulness and quality of the seed.

(4) The crop and seed produced by the crop must comply with the requirements concerning Union quarantine pests, protected zone quarantine pests and RNQPs provided for in implementing acts adopted pursuant to the EU Plant Health Regulation, as well as measures adopted pursuant to Article 30(1) of that Regulation.]

Textual Amendments

- F15** Words in Sch. 2 para. 37(1) inserted (31.12.2020) by [The Marketing of Seeds and Plant Propagating Material \(Amendment\) \(Northern Ireland\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/211\)](#), regs. 1(1), **50(d)(i)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F16** Sch. 2 para. 37(1A) inserted (31.12.2020) by [The Marketing of Seeds and Plant Propagating Material \(Amendment\) \(Northern Ireland\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/211\)](#), regs. 1(1), **50(d)(ii)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F17** Sch. 2 para. 37(3)(4) substituted for Sch. 2 para. 37(3) (28.12.2020) by [The Seed Marketing \(Amendment\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2020 \(S.R. 2020/301\)](#), regs. 1, **2(4)(c)** (as amended by S.R. 2020/322, regs. 1, 2)

Requirements for a varietal association

38.—(1) Seed marketed as a varietal association must comply with this paragraph.

(2) The varietal association must be an association of certified CS seed of a specified pollinator-dependent hybrid variety with certified CS seed of one or more specified pollinator varieties both of which have been accepted on to the [F18NI Variety List]^{F19}....

(3) The seed of the female and male components of a varietal association must have been dressed using seed dressings of different colours.

(4) The seed must be mechanically combined in the proportions jointly determined by the persons responsible for the maintenance of these components.

(5) The proportions must be notified to the Department by the person responsible for the maintenance of the pollinator-dependent hybrid and pollinators with the varietal association.

(6) In this paragraph—

- (a) “pollinator-dependent hybrid” means the male-sterile component within the varietal association (female component); and
- (b) “pollinator” means a component shedding pollen within a varietal association.

Textual Amendments

F18 Words in Sch. 2 para. 38(2) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Seeds \(Variety Lists\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2020 \(S.R. 2020/302\)](#), regs. 1, **26(1)(c)**

F19 Words in Sch. 2 para. 38(2) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Marketing of Seeds and Plant Propagating Material \(Amendment\) \(Northern Ireland\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/211\)](#), regs. 1(1), **50(e)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

PART 5

Vegetables

Permitted types of vegetable seed

39.—(1) Vegetable seed must be—

- (a) pre-basic seed;
- (b) basic seed;
- (c) certified seed; or
- (d) standard seed.

(2) The seed may be a mixture of different varieties of the same vegetable species provided that each variety in the mixture is standard seed.

Meaning of “pre-basic seed”

40. Pre-basic seed is seed—

- (a) produced from a generation prior to pre-basic seed by or under the responsibility of the breeder according to well-defined practices for the maintenance of the variety; and
- (b) intended for the production of—
 - (i) more pre-basic seed;

- (ii) basic seed; or
- (iii) with the breeder's written authority, certified seed.

Meaning of “basic seed”

41.—(1) Basic seed is seed—

- (a) produced under the responsibility of the breeder according to well-defined practices for the maintenance of the variety;
- (b) intended for the production of certified seed.

(2) For the avoidance of doubt this includes seed intended as a component of a hybrid variety of vegetable.

Meaning of “certified seed”

42. Certified seed is seed—

- (a) produced directly from basic seed or, if the breeder so requests, from seed of a generation prior to basic seed that satisfies the conditions for basic seed;
- (b) intended mainly for the production of vegetables.

Meaning of “standard seed”

43. Standard seed is seed that is intended mainly for the production of vegetables and has been approved by the Department as having sufficient varietal purity and varietal identity.

Crop and seed requirements

44.—(1) Crop inspections by official or licensed crop inspectors must be carried out in accordance with Article 2(4)(A)^[F20](a) to (d)] of, and Annex I to, Council Directive [2002/55/EC](#) on the marketing of vegetable seed, and the crop must satisfy the conditions in that Annex.

(2) The seed produced by the crop must be sampled in accordance with Article 25 ^[F21](with the omission of paragraphs 1a(F) and 1b)] of, and Annex III to, that Directive and must satisfy the conditions in Annex II to that Directive.

^[F22](2A) For the purposes of sub-paragraphs (1) and (2), Council Directive [2002/55/EC](#) is to be read as if—

- (a) in Article 2(4)(A)(a)(iii), for “officially licensed by the seed certification authority of the member State concerned”, there were substituted “licensed by the Department”;
- (b) in Article 25—
 - (i) references to “member States” were references to “the Department”;
 - (ii) in paragraph 1a(a), for “seed certification authority of the member State concerned”, there were substituted “Department”.]

(3) Sub-paragraph (1) does not apply in the case of standard seed.

^[F23](4) The crop and seed produced by the crop must be practically free from any pests which reduce the usefulness and quality of the seed.

(4A) The crop and seed produced by the crop must comply with the requirements concerning Union quarantine pests, protected zone quarantine pests and RNQPs provided for in implementing acts adopted pursuant to the EU Plant Health Regulation, as well as measures adopted pursuant to Article 30(1) of that Regulation.]

(5) After marketing, vegetable seed is subject to control by the Department for varietal identity and varietal purity.

Textual Amendments

- F20** Words in Sch. 2 para. 44(1) inserted (31.12.2020) by The Marketing of Seeds and Plant Propagating Material (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/211), regs. 1(1), **50(f)(i)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F21** Words in Sch. 2 para. 44(2) inserted (31.12.2020) by The Marketing of Seeds and Plant Propagating Material (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/211), regs. 1(1), **50(f)(ii)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F22** Sch. 2 para. 44(2A) inserted (31.12.2020) by The Marketing of Seeds and Plant Propagating Material (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/211), regs. 1(1), **50(f)(iii)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F23** Sch. 2 para. 44(4)(4A) substituted for Sch. 2 para. 44(4) (28.12.2020) by The Seed Marketing (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020 (S.R. 2020/301), regs. 1, **2(4)(d)** (as amended by S.R. 2020/322, regs. 1, 2)

SCHEDULE 3

Regulations 16 and 17

Labelling and loose sales

PART 1

Introduction

Types of label

1.—(1) There are two types of label for seed, official labels and supplier's labels.

(2) A supplier's label must be used on a package of breeder's seed, and may be used on a small package of seed specified in Part 4 of this Schedule and on a package of standard vegetable seed of any size.

(3) An official label must be used on any other package of seed.

Time of labelling

2. A package must be labelled at the time of sealing.

Genetically modified varieties

3. If a variety has been genetically modified, this must be stated on the label.

Chemical treatment of seed

4. If seed has been subjected to any chemical treatment, this fact and the nature of the treatment or the proprietary name of the chemical used must be stated either—

(a) on the label; or

(b) on a separate supplier's label affixed to the package.

PART 2

Official labels

Official labels: general requirements

- 5.—(1) An official label is a label supplied by, or on behalf of, the Department.
- (2) It must be on the outside of the package.
- (3) It must not have been previously used.
- (4) It must be adhesive, or secured by a sealing device approved by the Department.
- [^{F24}(5) It must—
- (a) in the case of cereal seed, vegetable seed, beet seed or oil and fibre plant seed, be in one of the official languages of the European Union; or
- (b) in the case of fodder seed, English.]
- (6) It must be at least 110mm x 67mm.
- (7) It must have an officially assigned serial number.
- (8) It must be fixed to the package by an authorised officer of the Department, a licensed seed sampler or any person being supervised by such a person.
- (9) By way of derogation from the above, in the case of cereal seed, fodder seed and oil and fibre seed, classified in each case as CS, C1, C2 or C3, the whole bag may be used as the label, provided that this is done with the approval of the Department and the bag is the same colour as is required for the label.

Textual Amendments

F24 Sch. 3 para. 5(5) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Seed Marketing and Fertilisers \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2020 \(S.R. 2020/319\)](#), regs. 1, **3(g)(i)**

Official labels for pre-basic seed

- 6.—(1) The following must appear on an official label on pre-basic seed—
- (a) the name [^{F25}and country or country initials] of the certification authority;
- [^{F26}(b) in the case of—
- (i) cereal seed, vegetable seed, beet seed or oil and fibre plant seed, the name or initials of the European Single Market State;
- (ii) seed certified in Northern Ireland “UK(NI)”];
- (c) the reference number of the seed lot;
- (d) the country of production;
- (e) the month and year of sealing expressed as “sealed ...[month and year]”;
- (f) the species (this must be the botanical name, which may be given in abridged form and without the authors' names, except that, in the case of beet or vegetable seed, the common name may be used);
- (g) the variety;
- (h) the description “pre-basic” or “PB”;

- (i) the declared net or gross weight or number of seeds (or, in the case of beet, the declared number of clusters or pure seeds);
 - (j) where granulated pesticides, pelleting substances or other solid additives are used, the nature of the additive and the approximate ratio between the weight of the seed and the total weight (or, in the case of beet, the ratio between the weight of pure seed and the total weight);
 - (k) the number of generations preceding the category “certified seed (CS)” or “certified first generation (C1) seed”.
- (2) The label must be white with a diagonal violet stripe.

Textual Amendments

- F25** Words in Sch. 3 para. 6(1)(a) inserted (31.12.2020) by [The Marketing of Seeds and Plant Propagating Material \(Amendment\) \(Northern Ireland\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/211\)](#), regs. 1(1), **51(b)(i)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F26** Sch. 3 para. 6(1)(b) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Seed Marketing and Fertilisers \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2020 \(S.R. 2020/319\)](#), regs. 1, **3(g)(ii)**

Official labels for basic seed and certified seed

- 7.—(1) The following must appear on an official label on certified seed—
- [^{F27}(a) in the case of—
 - (i) cereal seed, vegetable seed, beet seed and oil and fibre plant seed, the words “EU rules and standards”;
 - (ii) fodder seed, the words “UK rules and standards”;
 - (b) the name [^{F28}and country or country initials] of the certification authority;
 - [^{F29}(c) in the case of—
 - (i) cereal seed, vegetable seed, beet seed or oil and fibre plant seed, the name or initials of the European Single Market State;
 - (ii) seed certified in Northern Ireland “UK(NI)”;
 - (d) the reference number of the seed lot;
 - (e) either—
 - (i) the month and year of sealing expressed as “sealed ...[month and year]”; or
 - (ii) the month and year of the last official sampling for the purposes of certification expressed as “sampled ...[month and year]”;
 - (f) the species (this must be the botanical name, either in full or in abridged form except that, in the case of beet or vegetable seed, the common name may be used);
 - (g) the variety;
 - (h) the category;
 - (i) the country of production;
 - (j) the declared net or gross weight or number of seeds (or, in the case of beet, the declared number of clusters or pure seeds);
 - (k) where granulated pesticides, pelleting substances or other solid additives are used, the nature of the additive and the approximate ratio between the weight of the seed and the

total weight (or, in the case of beet, the ratio between the weight of pure seed and the total weight);

- (l) where the germination has been retested the word “retested” followed by the month and year of re-testing.
- (2) the label must be coloured—
 - (a) white for basic seed;
 - (b) blue for certified seed and certified seed, first generation;
 - (c) red for certified seed of the second and third generation.

Textual Amendments

- F27** Sch. 3 para. 7(1)(a) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Seed Marketing and Fertilisers (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020 (S.R. 2020/319), regs. 1, **3(g)(iii)**
- F28** Words in Sch. 3 para. 7(1)(b) inserted (31.12.2020) by The Marketing of Seeds and Plant Propagating Material (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/211), regs. 1(1), **51(c)(ii)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F29** Sch. 3 para. 7(1)(c) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Seed Marketing and Fertilisers (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020 (S.R. 2020/319), regs. 1, **3(g)(iv)**

Official labels for commercial seed not certified as to variety

8.—(1) The following must appear on an official label on commercial seed not certified as to variety—

- [^{F30}(a) in the case of—
 - (i) cereal seed, vegetable seed, beet seed and oil and fibre plant seed, the words “EU rules and standards”;
 - (ii) fodder seed, the words “UK rules and standards”;
- (b) the name [^{F31}and country or country initials] of the certification authority;
- [^{F32}(c) in the case of—
 - (i) cereal seed, vegetable seed, beet seed or oil and fibre plant seed, the name or initials of the European Single Market State;
 - (ii) seed certified in Northern Ireland “UK(NI)”;
- (d) the reference number of the seed lot;
- (e) either—
 - (i) the month and year of sealing expressed as “sealed ...[month and year]”; or
 - (ii) the month and year of the last official sampling for the purposes of certification expressed as “sampled ...[month and year]”;
- (f) the species (this must be the botanical name, either in full or in abridged form except that, in the case of beet or vegetable seed, the common name may be used);
- (g) the words “commercial seed not certified as to variety”;
- (h) the country of production;
- (i) the declared net or gross weight or number of seeds;
- (j) where granulated pesticides, pelleting substances or other solid additives are used, the nature of the additive and the approximate ratio between the weight of the seed and the total weight;

- (k) where the germination has been retested the word “retested” followed by the month and year of re-testing.
- (2) The label must be coloured brown.

Textual Amendments

- F30** Sch. 3 para. 8(1)(a) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Seed Marketing and Fertilisers \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2020 \(S.R. 2020/319\)](#), regs. 1, **3(g)(iii)**
- F31** Words in Sch. 3 para. 8(1)(b) inserted (31.12.2020) by [The Marketing of Seeds and Plant Propagating Material \(Amendment\) \(Northern Ireland\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/211\)](#), regs. 1(1), **51(c)(ii)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F32** Sch. 3 para. 8(1)(c) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Seed Marketing and Fertilisers \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2020 \(S.R. 2020/319\)](#), regs. 1, **3(g)(iv)**

Labelling mixtures

- 9.—(1) The following must appear on an official label on a mixture of seed—
- (a) ^{F33}the name and country or country initials of] the authority responsible for sealing the package;
 - ^{F34}(b) in the case of—
 - (i) cereal seed, vegetable seed, beet seed or oil and fibre plant seed, the name or initials of the European Single Market State;
 - (ii) fodder seed “UK(NI)”;
 - (c) the reference number of the seed lot;
 - (d) the month and year of sealing expressed as “sealed ...[month and year]”;
 - (e) the species, category, variety, country of production and proportion by weight of each of the components;
 - (f) the declared net or gross weight or declared number of seeds;
 - (g) where the 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 the pure seed and the total weight;
 - (h) where the germination of all of the components of the mixture has been retested, the word “retested” followed by the month and year of re-testing;
 - (i) in the case of cereals the words “mixture of” followed by the species and varieties and a qualifying statement that the mixture is effective against the propagation of a harmful organism;
 - (j) in the case of fodder plants the word “mixture of seeds for” followed by an indication of the intended use.
- (2) But for fodder mixtures registered with the Department, provided the label shows the registered name of the mixture, the percentage by weight of each of the components may be omitted provided that—
- (a) this information is supplied to the customer on request; and
 - (b) customers are informed that they can request these details.
- (3) The label must be coloured green.

Textual Amendments

- F33** Words in Sch. 3 para. 9(1)(a) inserted (31.12.2020) by [The Marketing of Seeds and Plant Propagating Material \(Amendment\) \(Northern Ireland\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/211\)](#), regs. 1(1), **51(d)(i)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F34** Sch. 3 para. 9(1)(b) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Seed Marketing and Fertilisers \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2020 \(S.R. 2020/319\)](#), regs. 1, **3(g)(v)**

PART 3**Additional requirements for official labels for specific species****Additional requirements for beet seed**

10. An official label for beet seed must specify—
- (a) “monogerm” or “precision” as appropriate;
 - (b) “fodder beet” or “sugar beet” as appropriate.

Additional requirements for cereal seed

11.—(1) An official label for C1 and C2 naked barley must include the words “minimum germination capacity 75%”.

(2) An official label for basic cereal seed of varieties that are hybrids or inbred lines must include—

- (a) for basic seed where the hybrid or inbred line to which the seed belongs has been accepted on to the [^{F35}NI Variety List] or [^{F36}, has been accepted on to the Common Catalogue and the seed is marketed before the end of the period of two years beginning with the day after the day on which exit day falls], the name under which it has been officially accepted, with or without reference to the final variety, and if the seed is intended solely as a component for final varieties the word “component”;
- (b) for basic seed in other cases the name of the component to which the basic seed belongs, which may be given in code form, accompanied by a reference to the final variety, with or without reference to its function (male or female) by the word “component”.

(3) An official label for certified cereal seed (CS, C1 or C2) of varieties that are hybrids or inbred lines must include the word “hybrid” after the variety.

(4) Where seed is marketed as being of the higher voluntary standard the label must contain the letters HVS.

Textual Amendments

- F35** Words in Sch. 3 para. 11 substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Seeds \(Variety Lists\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2020 \(S.R. 2020/302\)](#), regs. 1, **26(1)(d)**
- F36** Words in Sch. 3 para. 11(2)(a) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Marketing of Seeds and Plant Propagating Material \(Amendment\) \(Northern Ireland\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/211\)](#), regs. 1(1), **51(e)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

Additional requirements for fodder seed

12. An official label for fodder seed must include—
- (a) for certified seed, second and subsequent generations, the number of generations after basic seed;
 - (b) in the case of seed of grass varieties in respect of which no official examination of their value for cultivation and use has been carried out the words “Not intended for fodder production”;
 - (c) where seed is marketed as being of the higher voluntary standard the letters HVS.

Additional requirements for oil and fibre seed

- 13.—(1) An official label for basic oil and fibre seed of varieties that are hybrids or inbred lines must include—
- (a) for basic seed where the hybrid or inbred line to which the seed belongs has been officially accepted on to the [^{F37}NI Variety List] or [^{F38}], has been accepted on to the Common Catalogue and the seed is marketed before the end of the period of two years beginning with the day after the day on which exit day falls], the name under which it has been officially accepted, with or without reference to the final variety, and if the seed is intended solely as a component for final varieties the word “component”;
 - (b) for basic seed in other cases the name of the component to which the basic seed belongs, which may be given in code form, accompanied by a reference to the final variety, with or without reference to its function (male or female) by the word “component”.
- (2) An official label for certified oil and fibre seed (CS, C1 or C2) of varieties that are hybrids or inbred lines must include the word “hybrid” after the variety.
- (3) An official label for certified seed of a varietal association must be blue with a diagonal green line.

Textual Amendments

- F37** Words in Sch. 3 para. 13 substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Seeds \(Variety Lists\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2020 \(S.R. 2020/302\)](#), regs. 1, **26(1)(d)**
- F38** Words in Sch. 3 para. 13(1)(a) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Marketing of Seeds and Plant Propagating Material \(Amendment\) \(Northern Ireland\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/211\)](#), regs. 1(1), **51(e)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

PART 4

Supplier's labels

Meaning of “supplier's label”

14. A supplier's label is a label that has not been provided by, or on behalf of, the Department.

Labelling a package

15. A supplier's label must either be affixed to the package in the same way as an official label or printed indelibly on the package.

References to weights in this Part

16. In this Part references to the weight excludes any granulated pesticides, pelleting substances or other solid additives.

Breeder's seed: supplier's labels

- 17.—(1) The following must appear on a supplier's label on a package of breeder's seed—
- (a) the name and address or identification number of the supplier responsible for affixing the label;
 - (b) the reference number of the seed lot;
 - (c) the species;
 - (d) the variety;
 - (e) the words “breeder's seed”;
 - (f) the declared net or gross weight or number of seeds.
- (2) The label must be buff coloured.

Beet seed: supplier's labels

- 18.—(1) A supplier's label may be used on a small package of beet seed.
- (2) A small package of beet seed (known as a “small ^{F39}... package”) is a package that—
- (a) in the case of basic and certified beet seed of precision or monogerm varieties, either weighs not more than 2.5 kilograms or consists of not more than 100,000 clusters;
 - (b) for all other beet seed, weighs not more than 10 kilograms.
- (3) The label must be the same colour as the official label for that category of seed.
- (4) The following must appear on the label—
- (a) the words “small ^{F40}... package”;
 - (b) the name and address or identification number of the person affixing the label;
 - (c) the officially assigned serial number;
 - (d) the service that assigned the serial number and name or initials of the [^{F41}country of production];
 - (e) the reference number if the official serial number does not enable the lot to be identified;
 - (f) the species;
 - (g) either sugar beet or fodder beet as appropriate;
 - (h) the variety;
 - (i) the category;
 - (j) the declared net or gross weight or number of clusters or pure seeds;
 - (k) where the 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 the clusters or pure seeds and the total weight;
 - (l) either “monogerm” or “precision” as appropriate.

Textual Amendments

- F39** Word in Sch. 3 para. 18(2) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Marketing of Seeds and Plant Propagating Material \(Amendment\) \(Northern Ireland\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/211\)](#), regs. 1(1), **51(f)(i)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F40** Word in Sch. 3 para. 18(4)(a) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Marketing of Seeds and Plant Propagating Material \(Amendment\) \(Northern Ireland\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/211\)](#), regs. 1(1), **51(f)(ii)(aa)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F41** Words in Sch. 3 para. 18(4)(d) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Marketing of Seeds and Plant Propagating Material \(Amendment\) \(Northern Ireland\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/211\)](#), regs. 1(1), **51(f)(ii)(bb)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

Cereal seed: supplier's label

- 19.—(1) A supplier's label may be used on a small package of cereal seed.
- (2) A small package of cereal seed is a package of any certified seed, or any mixture of certified seed not exceeding 15 kilograms.
- (3) The label must be the same colour as the official label for that category of seed.
- (4) The following must appear on the label—
- the words “[^{F42}UK] rules and standards”;
 - the name and address or identification number of the supplier responsible for affixing the label;
 - the reference number of the seed lot;
 - the species;
 - the variety;
 - the category;
 - the declared net weight or declared number of seeds;
 - for hybrid varieties of maize, the word “hybrid”;
 - in the case of C1 and C2 seed of naked barley, the words “minimum germination capacity 75%”.

Textual Amendments

- F42** Word in Sch. 3 para. 19(4)(a) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Marketing of Seeds and Plant Propagating Material \(Amendment\) \(Northern Ireland\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/211\)](#), regs. 1(1), **51(g)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

Fodder seed (agricultural or amenity): packages that may be labelled with a supplier's label

- 20.—(1) A supplier's label may be used on a small package of fodder seed, either agricultural or amenity (including a mixture of fodder seed).
- (2) A small package of fodder seed is either a small [^{F43}UK] “A” package or a small [^{F43}UK] “B” package.
- (3) A small [^{F43}UK] “A” package is a package containing a mixture of seed not intended for the production of fodder plants, with a net weight not exceeding 2 kilograms.
- (4) A small [^{F43}UK] “B” package is a package containing—

- (a) basic seed;
- (b) certified seed (CS, C1 or C2);
- (c) commercial seed; or
- (d) (unless the package is a small [F43UK] “A” package) a mixture of seed, with a net weight not exceeding 10 kilograms.

Textual Amendments

F43 Word in Sch. 3 para. 20 substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Seed Marketing and Fertilisers \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2020 \(S.R. 2020/319\)](#), regs. 1, **3(g)(vi)**

Fodder seed other than a mixture: labelling requirements

21.—(1) A supplier's label on a small package of fodder seed (other than a mixture, for which see paragraph 22) must be the same colour as the official label for that category of seed.

- (2) The following must appear on the label—
- (a) the words “small [F44UK] “B” package”;
 - (b) the name and address or identification number of the person affixing the label;
 - (c) the officially assigned serial number;
 - (d) the service which assigned the serial number and name of the [F45country] or their initials;
 - (e) the reference number if the serial number does not enable the seed lot to be identified;
 - (f) the species;
 - (g) the net or gross weight of pure seed or the number of pure seeds;
 - (h) where the 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 the seed and the total weight;
 - (i) in the case of certified seed—
 - (i) the variety;
 - (ii) the category;
 - (iii) for grass seed of a variety for which an examination of its value for cultivation and use is not required the words “not intended for the production of fodder plants”;
 - (j) in the case of commercial seed the words “commercial seed”.

Textual Amendments

F44 Word in Sch. 3 para. 21 substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Seed Marketing and Fertilisers \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2020 \(S.R. 2020/319\)](#), regs. 1, **3(g)(vi)**

F45 Word in Sch. 3 para. 21(2)(d) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Seed Marketing and Fertilisers \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2020 \(S.R. 2020/319\)](#), regs. 1, **3(g)(vii)**

Fodder seed mixture: labelling requirements

22.—(1) A supplier's label on a small package of a mixture of fodder seed must be the same colour as the official label for that category of seed.

- (2) The following must appear on the label—

- (a) the words small “[^{F46}UK] “A” package or “small [^{F46}UK] “B” package” as appropriate;
 - (b) the name and address or identification number of the person affixing the label;
 - (c) for a small [^{F46}UK] “A” package—
 - (i) the reference number enabling the seed lots used in the mixture to be identified; and
 - (ii) the name or initials of the [^{F47}country];
 - (d) for a small [^{F46}UK] “B” package—
 - (i) the officially assigned serial number;
 - (ii) the service that assigned the serial number and name of [^{F48}country] or their initials;
 - (iii) the reference number if the official serial number does not enable the used seed lots to be identified;
 - (e) the words “seed mixture for ...[intended use]”;
 - (f) the net or gross weight or number of pure seeds;
 - (g) where the 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 the seed and the total weight;
 - (h) the percentage by weight of the various components shown by species and, where appropriate, by variety.
- (3) But for mixtures registered with the Department, provided the label shows the registered name of the mixture, the percentage by weight of each of the components may be omitted provided that—
- (a) this information is supplied to the customer on request; and
 - (b) customers are informed that they can request these details.

Textual Amendments

- F46** Word in Sch. 3 para. 22 substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Seed Marketing and Fertilisers \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2020 \(S.R. 2020/319\)](#), regs. 1, **3(g)(vi)**
- F47** Word in Sch. 3 para. 22(2)(c)(ii) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Seed Marketing and Fertilisers \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2020 \(S.R. 2020/319\)](#), regs. 1, **3(g)(vii)**
- F48** Word in Sch. 3 para. 22(d)(ii) substituted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Seed Marketing and Fertilisers \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2020 \(S.R. 2020/319\)](#), regs. 1, **3(g)(vii)**

Oil and fibre seed: supplier's labels

- 23.—(1) A supplier's label may be used on a small package of oil and fibre seed.
- (2) A small package of oil and fibre seed is a package of any certified or commercial oil and fibre seed that does not weigh more than 15 kilograms.
- (3) The label must be the same colour as the official label for that category of seed.
- (4) The following must appear on the label—
- (a) the words “[^{F49}UK] rules and standards”;
 - (b) the name and address or identification number of the supplier responsible for affixing the label;
 - (c) the reference number of the seed lot;
 - (d) the species (this must be the botanical name, either in full or in abridged form);
 - (e) the variety;

- (f) for certified seed, the category;
- (g) for commercial seed the words “commercial seed (not certified as to variety)”;
- (h) the declared net or gross weight of clusters or pure seed (except for packages not exceeding 500 grams);
- (i) where the 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 the seed and the total weight.

Textual Amendments

F49 Word in Sch. 3 para. 23 substituted (31.12.2020) by The Marketing of Seeds and Plant Propagating Material (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/211), regs. 1(1), 51(j); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

Vegetable seed: supplier's labels

- 24.—(1) A supplier's label may be used on—
- (a) a package of standard vegetable seed, no matter what the weight; and
 - (b) a small package of certified (CS) seed.
- (2) A small package of certified (CS) vegetable seed is a package of certified (CS) seed that weighs no more than—
- (a) for broad beans, French beans, runner beans and peas, 5 kilograms;
 - (b) for asparagus, beetroot, carrot, chard or spinach beet, gourd, marrow, onion, radish, spinach or turnip, 500 grams;
 - (c) for any other vegetable species, 100 grams.
- (3) The label must be coloured dark yellow for standard seed or blue for certified seed.
- (4) The following must appear on the label on a package of standard seed (other than a mixture of different varieties of standard seed of the same species) and certified seed—
- (a) the words “[^{F50}UK] rules and standards”;
 - (b) the name and address or identification number of the person affixing the label;
 - (c) the marketing year of the sealing or of the last examination of germination (the end of the marketing year may be indicated);
 - (d) the species;
 - (e) the variety;
 - (f) the category: in the case of small packages, certified seed may be marked with the letter “C” or “Z” and standard seed with the letters “ST”;
 - (g) in the case of standard seed, the reference number given by the person responsible for affixing the labels;
 - (h) in the case of certified seed, the reference number enabling the certified lot to be identified;
 - (i) the declared net or gross weight or declared number of seeds, except for small packages up to 500 grams;
 - (j) where the 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 clusters or pure seeds and the total weight.

(5) The following must appear on the label on a package of a mixture of different varieties of standard seed of the same species—

- (a) the words “[^{F50}UK] rules and standards”;
- (b) the name and address or identification number of the person affixing the label;
- (c) the year of sealing expressed as “sealed ...[year]” or the year of last sampling for the purpose of the last testing for germination expressed as “sampled ...[year]”, (the words “use before ...[date]” may be added);
- (d) the words “mixture of varieties of ...[name of the species]”;
- (e) the varieties;
- (f) the proportion of the varieties, expressed as net weight or as the number of seeds;
- (g) the reference number given by the person responsible for affixing the labels;
- (h) the net or gross weight or the number of seeds;
- (i) where the 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 clusters or pure seeds and the total weight.

Textual Amendments

F50 Word in Sch. 3 para. 24 substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Marketing of Seeds and Plant Propagating Material \(Amendment\) \(Northern Ireland\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/211\)](#), regs. 1(1), **51(j)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

PART 5

Sales of loose seed

Sales of loose seed

25.—(1) Loose (unpackaged) seed may be sold in accordance with this paragraph.

(2) The maximum quantity that may be sold is—

- (a) for fodder seed—
 - (i) 3 kilograms in the case of field beans and peas;
 - (ii) 2 kilograms in the case of all other fodder seed;
 - (iii) 7 kilograms in the case of a mixture of seed;
- (b) for cereal seed, 5 kilograms;
- (c) for beet seed, 2.5 kilograms;
- (d) for oil and fibre seed, 5 kilograms;
- (e) for vegetable seed—
 - (i) 3 kilograms in the case of broad beans, French beans, runner beans and peas;
 - (ii) 1 kilogram in the case of all other vegetable seed.

(3) The sale must be to the final consumer, and the information that would have been required on a package of that seed must be displayed near the point of sale.

SCHEDULE 4

Regulation 9(2)

Exceptions

PART 1

Supply of seed other than by way of marketing

Early multiplication of seed

- 1.—(1) Seed of an unlisted variety may be supplied by a person licensed to market seed for multiplication for progression through the different generation categories of seed.
- (2) Each generation of seed supplied must have reached the standard required for certification.
- (3) The seed produced must remain the property of the licensed person, and may not be marketed.

Seed as grown

2. Seed as grown may be sent by the grower for cleaning prior to certification, and to a testing or inspection body for the purposes of certification.

Farm saved seed

3. Farm-saved seed may only be used by the person who grew it, and may not be marketed or supplied to any other person, but it may be sent for cleaning provided that the person who cleans it returns all the seed to the holding where it was grown.

PART 2

Marketing seed that does not comply with Schedule 2

Seed with a declared lower germination

- 4.—(1) Pre-basic and basic seed with a minimum percentage germination standard lower than required in [^{F51}these Regulations] relating to that seed specified in Schedule 2 may be marketed provided that the supplier guarantees a specific minimum percentage germination.
- (2) The germination must be stated on the official label together with the supplier's name and address and the reference number of the seed lot.

Textual Amendments

- F51** Words in Sch. 4 para. 4(1) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Marketing of Seeds and Plant Propagating Material \(Amendment\) \(Northern Ireland\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/211\)](#), regs. 1(1), **52(a)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

Early movement of seed

- 5.—(1) A person may market officially certified early movement pre-basic or basic seed if—
 - (a) that person guarantees a minimum percentage of germination for the seed that is—

- (i) the same as the [^{F52}minimum percentage of germination specified in the relevant Directive] 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 [^{F53}minimum percentage of germination specified in the relevant Directive] 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.
- (2) A person may market officially certified early movement CS, C1, C2, C3 or commercial seed if—
- (a) that person guarantees a minimum percentage of germination for the seed that is—
 - (i) the same as the [^{F54}minimum percentage of germination specified in the relevant Directive] for the relevant species of seed; or
 - (ii) the same as, or less than, the percentage of germination ascertained by the provisional analysis on which the certification of the seed was based.
 - (3) Where any person markets seed, in accordance with sub-paragraph (1) or (2), that person shall provide the purchaser, upon or before delivery of the seed, with a statement—
 - (a) stating that the seeds are being marketed before the completion of the official germination test;
 - (b) specifying the guaranteed minimum percentage of germination; and
 - (c) specifying the name and address of the person marketing the seed and the reference number of the seed lot.
 - (4) Where any person—
 - (a) markets officially certified early movement seed in accordance with sub-paragraphs (1) and (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.
 - (5) A person marketing seed, which has been officially certified as early movement seed under paragraph 6(3), must make an application for final certification of that seed within 21 days of the completion of the official germination test.
 - (6) This paragraph does not apply in the case of—
 - (a) vegetable seed; or
 - [^{F55}(b) seed imported into Northern Ireland from a country that has been granted equivalence.]

Textual Amendments

- F52** Words in Sch. 4 para. 5(1)(a)(i) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Seed Marketing and Fertilisers \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2020 \(S.R. 2020/319\)](#), regs. 1, **3(h)(i)(aa)**
- F53** Words in Sch. 4 para. 5(1)(a)(ii) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Seed Marketing and Fertilisers \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2020 \(S.R. 2020/319\)](#), regs. 1, **3(h)(i)(aa)**
- F54** Words in Sch. 4 para. 5(2)(a)(i) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Seed Marketing and Fertilisers \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2020 \(S.R. 2020/319\)](#), regs. 1, **3(h)(i)(aa)**

F55 Sch. 4 para. 5(6)(b) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Seed Marketing and Fertilisers (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020 (S.R. 2020/319), regs. 1, **3(h)(i)(bb)**

6.—(1) In this Schedule officially certified early movement seed of any category, listed in regulation 5, means seed to which sub-paragraph (2) or (3) applies.

(2) This sub-paragraph applies to—

- (a) [^{F56}fodder] seed of a listed variety officially certified as early movement seed in the United Kingdom; or
- [^{F57}(b) cereal seed, vegetable seed, beet seed or oil and fibre plant seed of a listed variety officially certified as early movement seed in Northern Ireland; or
- (c) cereal seed, vegetable seed, beet seed or oil and fibre plant seed of a listed variety officially certified as early movement seed by or on behalf of the competent seed certification authority in a European Single Market State.]

(3) This sub-paragraph applies to—

- (a) seed of a listed variety—
 - [^{F58}(i) in the case of—
 - (aa) cereal seed, vegetable seed, beet seed or oil and fibre plant seed that has been harvested from a crop produced in Northern Ireland; or
 - (bb) fodder seed 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 field inspection (whenever carried out) to satisfy the conditions set out in the Directive relating to the crop from which seed is to be produced specified in Schedule 2;]
 - (ii) that, subject to sub-paragraph (iii), satisfies the conditions laid down in Schedule 2 for seed certification;
 - (iii) for which the results of a 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 under these Regulations indicating that the seed has achieved the required minimum analytical purity standard set out in the Directive relating to that seed specified in Schedule 2;
- (b) seed of a listed variety—
 - (i) that has been imported into [^{F59}Northern Ireland] as not finally certified seed harvested in [^{F60}a European Single Market, where the seed has been accepted on to the Common Catalogue and the seed is marketed before the end of the period of two years beginning with the day after the day on which exit day falls]; and
 - (ii) that complies with the requirements of sub-paragraph (3)(a)(ii) to (iv);

other than seed to which sub-paragraph (2) applies and seed for which an application for official certification has been made, in the United Kingdom, that has not been finally determined.

Textual Amendments

F56 Word in Sch. 4 para. 6(2)(a) inserted (31.12.2020) by The Seed Marketing and Fertilisers (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020 (S.R. 2020/319), regs. 1, **3(h)(ii)(aa)**

- F57** Sch. 4 para. 6(2)(b)(c) substituted for Sch. 4 para. 6(2)(b) (31.12.2020) by *The Seed Marketing and Fertilisers (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020* (S.R. 2020/319), regs. 1, **3(h)(ii)(bb)**
- F58** Sch. 4 para. 6(3)(a)(i) substituted (31.12.2020) by *The Seed Marketing and Fertilisers (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020* (S.R. 2020/319), regs. 1, **3(h)(ii)(cc)**
- F59** Words in Sch. 4 para. 6(3)(b) substituted (31.12.2020) by *The Seed Marketing and Fertilisers (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020* (S.R. 2020/319), regs. 1, **3(h)(ii)(dd)**
- F60** Words in Sch. 4 para. 6(3)(b)(i) substituted (31.12.2020) by *The Marketing of Seeds and Plant Propagating Material (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019* (S.I. 2019/211), regs. 1(1), **52(c)(ii)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

Tetrazolium testing for cereal seed

7. Cereal seed may be marketed if it has been subjected to a tetrazolium test approved by the Department to establish the viability of the seed instead of the tests specified in [^{F61}these Regulations] on the marketing of cereal seed.

Textual Amendments

- F61** Words in Sch. 4 para. 7 substituted (31.12.2020) by *The Marketing of Seeds and Plant Propagating Material (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019* (S.I. 2019/211), regs. 1(1), **52(d)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

Marketing seed of conservation varieties

8.—(1) The Department may authorise the marketing of seed of a conservation variety in accordance with this paragraph.

(2) The seed must be of a variety listed as a conservation variety in the [^{F62}NI Variety List].

(3) The seed must be produced from a crop grown in the region of origin specified for the variety in the [^{F62}NI Variety List] or as authorised by the Department.

(4) The seed may only be marketed and used in the stated region of origin.

(5) The total amount of seed marketed in any year must be limited in accordance with Article 14 of Commission Directive [2008/62/EC](#) (which relates to agricultural conservation varieties) and Article 15 of and Annex I to Commission Directive [2009/145/EC](#) (which relates to vegetable conservation varieties).

[^{F63}(5A) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (5)—

(a) Article 14 of Commission Directive [2008/62/EC](#) is to be read as if—

(i) in the first paragraph—

(aa) the words “Each member State shall ensure that, ” were omitted;

(bb) the reference to “that member State”, there were substituted “the United Kingdom”;

(ii) in the second paragraph—

(aa) the words “in each member State” were omitted;

(bb) for the references to “the member State”, in both places, there were substituted “ the United Kingdom ”;

(b) Article 15 of Commission Directive [2009/145/EC](#), is to be read as if—

(i) the words “Each member State shall ensure that” were omitted;

(ii) for “does”, there were substituted “ must ”.]

[^{F64}(5A) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (5), insofar as it relates to fodder seed, Article 14 of Commission [Directive 2008/62/EC](#) is to be read as if—

(a) in the first paragraph—

(i) the words “Each Member State shall ensure that,” were omitted;

(ii) the reference to “that Member State”, there were substituted “the United Kingdom”;

(b) in the second paragraph—

(i) the words “in each Member State” were omitted;

(ii) for the references to “the Member State”, in both places, there were substituted “the United Kingdom”.]

(6) Except in the case of seed of a vegetable conservation variety which is verified as standard seed, the seed must descend from seed produced according to well-defined practices for maintenance of the variety.

(7) In the case of beet seed, cereal seed, fodder plant seed and oil and fibre seed, the seed must comply with the requirements for certification of certified seed [^{F65}specified for that species (as the case may be) in Schedule 2], except the requirements in respect of minimal varietal purity and examination.

(8) Vegetable seed must comply with—

(a) the requirements for certification of certified seed set out in [^{F66}Schedule 2], except the requirements in respect of minimal varietal purity and examination; or

(b) the requirements for marketing of standard seed set out in [^{F67}these Regulations], except the requirements in respect of minimal varietal purity.

(9) Seed of a conservation variety must have sufficient varietal purity.

(10) The seed must not be sold as loose seed under paragraph 25 of Schedule 3.

(11) The seed must be labelled with a supplier's label or a printed or stamped notice which, in addition to complying with the applicable provisions of the paragraph of Part 4 of Schedule 3 which applies to the type of seed in question (except provisions specifying a colour of label)—

(a) contains—

(i) in the case of an agricultural conservation variety, the words “conservation variety”;
or

(ii) in the case of a vegetable conservation variety, the words “certified seed of a conservation variety” or “standard seed of a conservation variety”;

(b) states the region of origin; and

(c) is coloured brown.

(12) In this paragraph “conservation variety” has the meaning given by regulation 2(1) of the [^{F68}Seeds (Northern Ireland Variety Lists) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020].

Textual Amendments

F62 Words in [Sch. 4 para. 8](#) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Seeds \(Variety Lists\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2020 \(S.R. 2020/302\)](#), regs. 1, **26(1)(e)(i)**

F63 [Sch. 4 para. 8\(5A\)](#) inserted (31.12.2020) by [The Marketing of Seeds and Plant Propagating Material \(Amendment\) \(Northern Ireland\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/211\)](#), regs. 1(1), **52(e)(i)**; 2020 c. 1, [Sch. 5 para. 1\(1\)](#)

- F64** Sch. 4 para. 8(5A) inserted (31.12.2020) by The Seed Marketing and Fertilisers (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020 (S.R. 2020/319), regs. 1, **3(h)(iii)(aa)**
- F65** Words in Sch. 4 para. 8(7) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Seed Marketing and Fertilisers (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020 (S.R. 2020/319), regs. 1, **3(h)(iii)(bb)**
- F66** Words in Sch. 4 para. 8(8)(a) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Marketing of Seeds and Plant Propagating Material (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/211), regs. 1(1), **52(e)(iii)(aa)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F67** Words in Sch. 4 para. 8(8)(b) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Marketing of Seeds and Plant Propagating Material (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/211), regs. 1(1), **52(e)(iii)(bb)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F68** Words in Sch. 4 para. 8(12) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Seeds (Variety Lists) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020 (S.R. 2020/302), regs. 1, **26(1)(e)(ii)**

Marketing preservation mixtures that include uncertified fodder seed

^{F69}9.—(1) The Department may authorise the marketing of preservation mixtures in accordance with this paragraph.

(2) An application for an authorisation must be made by the producer and must contain such information as the Department may require to—

- (a) complete the authorisation in accordance with Article 4(2) of Commission Directive 2010/60/EU, as read with Article 4(3) of that Directive; and
- (b) verify compliance with Article 5 of that Directive (in the case of directly harvested preservation mixtures) or Article 6 of that Directive (in the case of crop-grown preservation mixtures).

(3) An authorisation—

- (a) may only be granted if the preservation mixture complies with Article 5 of Commission Directive 2010/60/EU (in the case of directly harvested preservation mixtures) or Article 6 of that Directive (in the case of crop-grown preservation mixtures);
- (b) may only be granted for the marketing of a preservation mixture in its region of origin as determined by the Department [^{F70}having taken account of any available information from plant genetic resource organisations];
- (c) may only be granted for a preservation mixture that contains a conservation variety within the meaning of regulation 2(1) of the [^{F71}Seeds (Northern Ireland Variety Lists) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020] if that variety complies with the requirements of paragraph 8(1) to (7) and (9); and
- (d) must specify the matters listed in Article 4(2) of Commission Directive 2010/60/EU, as read with Article 4(3) of that Directive.

(4) The seed must not be sold as loose seed under paragraph 25 of Schedule 3.

(5) The seed must be labelled with a pink supplier's label or a printed or stamped notice which, instead of containing the labelling information for mixtures of seed set out in Schedule 3, contains the following information—

[^{F72}(a) where the mixture contains seed of—

- (i) cereal, vegetable, beet or oil and fibre plants, the words “EU rules and standards”; and
- (ii) fodder, the words “UK rules and standards”];
- (b) the name and address or the identification number of the person affixing the label;
- (c) the harvesting method (whether directly harvested or crop grown);

- (d) the year of sealing expressed as “sealed ...[year]”;
- (e) the region of origin;
- (f) the source area;
- (g) the collection site;
- (h) the habitat type of the collection site;
- (i) the words “preservation seed mixture”;
- (j) the reference number of the lot given by the person affixing the label;
- (k) in the case of crop-grown preservation mixtures—
 - (i) the percentage by weight of the components as species and, where relevant, sub-species; and
 - (ii) the specific germination rate for the fodder seed components of the mixture that do not comply with the germination requirements of paragraph 25(2) of Schedule 2 (unless the mixture contains more than five such fodder seed components, in which case the average germination rate for those components may be used);
- (l) in the case of directly harvested preservation mixtures, the percentage by weight of those components as species and, where relevant, sub-species that are typical for the habitat type of the collection site and that are, as components of the mixture, of importance for the preservation of the natural environment in the context of the conservation of genetic resources;
- (m) declared net or gross weight; and
- (n) where granulated pesticides, pelleting substances or other solid additives are used, the nature of the additive and the approximate ratio between the weight of clusters or pure seeds and the total weight.

(6) The total quantity of the seed authorised to be marketed each year must not exceed 5% of the total weight of fodder plant seed mixtures marketed in the United Kingdom in the same year.

(7) [^{F73}Subject to sub-paragraph (8)] expressions used both in this paragraph and Commission Directive 2010/60/EU have the [^{F74}, subject to sub-paragraph (8),] same meaning in this paragraph as they have in that Directive.

[^{F75}(8) For the purposes of this paragraph, Article 1(a) of Commission Directive 2010/60/EU is to be read as if the definition of “source area” contained in that Article defined it to mean an area designated as a special area of conservations or an area contributing to the conservation of plant genetic resources in accordance with retained EU law.]

[^{F76}(8) For the purposes of this paragraph, Article 1(a) of Commission Directive 2010/60/EU is to be read as if the definition of “source area” contained in that Article defined it to mean an area designated as a special area of conservation or an area contributing to the conservation of plant genetic resources in accordance with retained EU law.]

Textual Amendments

F69 By [The Seed Marketing and Fertilisers \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2020 \(S.R. 2020/319\)](#), regs. 1, **3(h)(iv)(aa)** it is provided that in paragraph 9, after sub-paragraph (b) insert sub-paragraph (b1)

F70 Words in Sch. 4 para. 9(3)(b) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Marketing of Seeds and Plant Propagating Material \(Amendment\) \(Northern Ireland\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/211\)](#), regs. 1(1), **52(f)(i)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

F71 Words in Sch. 4 para. 9(3)(c) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Seeds \(Variety Lists\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2020 \(S.R. 2020/302\)](#), regs. 1, **26(1)(e)(ii)**

- F72** Sch. 4 para. 9(5)(a) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Seed Marketing and Fertilisers (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020 (S.R. 2020/319), regs. 1, **3(h)(iv)(bb)**
- F73** Words in Sch. 4 para. 9(7) inserted (31.12.2020) by The Seed Marketing and Fertilisers (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020 (S.R. 2020/319), regs. 1, **3(h)(iv)(cc)**
- F74** Words in Sch. 4 para. 9(7) inserted (31.12.2020) by The Marketing of Seeds and Plant Propagating Material (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/211), regs. 1(1), **52(f)(iii)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F75** Sch. 4 para. 9(8) inserted (31.12.2020) by The Marketing of Seeds and Plant Propagating Material (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/211), regs. 1(1), **52(f)(iv)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F76** Sch. 4 para. 9(8) inserted (31.12.2020) by The Seed Marketing and Fertilisers (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020 (S.R. 2020/319), regs. 1, **3(h)(iv)(dd)**

Marketing unlisted varieties (other than vegetable seed) for tests and trials

10.—(1) The Department may authorise the marketing of seed for which an application for entry in the [^{F77}NI Variety List] has been submitted but not yet granted.

(2) This paragraph does not apply in relation to vegetable seed (for which see the following paragraph).

(3) An applicant must be a producer established in Northern Ireland.

(4) An authorisation is valid for one year and is renewable.

(5) An authorisation becomes invalid once the variety is added to the [^{F77}NI Variety List] or the application to be listed is withdrawn or rejected.

(6) The authorisation may only be requested by the person who has submitted an application for entry of the varieties concerned in the [^{F77}NI Variety List].

(7) An authorisation may only be granted for tests or trials carried out at agricultural enterprises to gather information on the cultivation or use of the variety.

(8) The quantities authorised for each variety must not exceed the following percentages of seed of the same species used annually in [^{F78}Northern Ireland]—

(a) in the case of durum wheat, 0.05%;

(b) in the case of field pea, field bean, oats, barley and wheat, 0.3%;

(c) in all other cases, 0.1%,

except that, if such quantities are not sufficient to sow 10 hectares, the quantity needed for such an area may be authorised.

(9) Fodder plant seed must comply with the conditions for—

(a) certified seed (all species other than field peas and field beans); or

(b) certified seed, second generation (field peas and field beans).

(10) Cereal seed must comply with the conditions for—

(a) certified seed (rye, maize and hybrids of oats and red oats, barley, wheat, durum wheat, spelt wheat and triticale other than self-pollinating varieties); or

(b) certified seed, second generation oats and red oats, barley, wheat, durum wheat, spelt wheat and self-pollinating varieties of triticale, other than hybrids in each case.

(11) Beet seed comply with the conditions for certified seed.

(12) Seed of oil and fibre comply with the conditions for—

(a) certified seed (all species other than flax and linseed);

(b) certified seed, second and third generation (flax and linseed).

(13) In addition to the other labelling requirements in these Regulations, the package must be labelled with an official label which must—

- (a) be coloured orange;
- (b) include the words “variety not yet officially listed; for tests and trials only”; and
- (c) where applicable, “genetically modified variety”.

Textual Amendments

- F77** Words in Sch. 4 para. 10 substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Seeds \(Variety Lists\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2020 \(S.R. 2020/302\)](#), regs. 1, **26(1)(e)(i)**
- F78** Words in Sch. 4 para. 10(8) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Seed Marketing and Fertilisers \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2020 \(S.R. 2020/319\)](#), regs. 1, **3(h)(v)**

Marketing unlisted varieties of vegetable seed

11.—(1) For the purpose of gaining knowledge and practical experience of a variety during cultivation, the Department may authorise the marketing of vegetable seed not listed on the [^{F79}NI Variety List provided an application has been made for entry into the NI Variety List or the] National List of at least one [^{F80}European Single Market State].

(2) An authorisation is valid for one year and is renewable twice for a period not exceeding one year at each renewal.

(3) An authorisation becomes invalid once the variety is added to [^{F81}a NI Variety] List or the application to be listed is withdrawn or rejected.

(4) There are no quantitative restrictions on the amount that may be authorised.

(5) The seed must comply with the conditions laid down in Annex II to Council Directive [2002/55/EC](#), on the marketing of vegetable seed.

(6) The authorisation may only be requested by the person who has submitted an application for entry of the varieties concerned on to the relevant National List.

(7) In addition to the other labelling requirements in these Regulations (except that the name of the certifying authority and the country of origin need not appear), the package must have an official label which must—

- (a) be coloured orange; and
- (b) include the words “variety not yet officially listed”.

(8) The person marketing the seed must—

- (a) retain a sample of each seed lot marketed and keep it for at least two years; and
- (b) record for each sale the name and address of the buyer and keep the record for at least three years.

Textual Amendments

- F79** Words in Sch. 4 para. 11(1) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Seeds \(Variety Lists\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2020 \(S.R. 2020/302\)](#), regs. 1, **26(1)(e)(iii)(aa)**
- F80** Words in Sch. 3Sch. 4 substituted (7.1.2019) by [The Pesticides, Genetically Modified Organisms and Fertilisers \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2018 \(S.R. 2018/188\)](#), regs. 1(1), **12(3)**

F81 Words in Sch. 4 para. 11(3) substituted (31.12.2020) by *The Seeds (Variety Lists) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020* (S.R. 2020/302), regs. 1, **26(1)(e)(iii)(bb)**

Marketing for scientific or selection purposes

12.—(1) The Department may authorise a producer to place on the market small quantities of seed (other than vegetable seed) for scientific or selection purposes.

(2) The Department may grant an authorisation whether or not the variety is listed on the [F82NI Variety List]^{F83}....

(3) An applicant must be a producer established in Northern Ireland.

(4) In addition to the other labelling requirements in these Regulations, the package must have an official label which must—

- (a) be coloured orange; and
- (b) where applicable, include the words “variety not yet officially listed”.

(5) The person marketing the seed must—

- (a) retain a sample of each seed lot marketed and keep it for at least two years; and
- (b) record for each sale the name and address of the buyer and keep the record for at least three years.

Textual Amendments

F82 Words in Sch. 4 para. 12 substituted (31.12.2020) by *The Seeds (Variety Lists) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020* (S.R. 2020/302), regs. 1, **26(1)(e)(i)**

F83 Words in Sch. 4 para. 12(2) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of *The Marketing of Seeds and Plant Propagating Material (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019* (S.I. 2019/211), regs. 1(1), **52(h)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

Restrictions relating to genetically modified seed

13. The Department may only grant an authorisation in respect of seed of a genetically modified variety under paragraphs 9 to 12 if the marketing and release of the genetically modified material by the applicant have ^{F84}...—

(a) [^{F85}before the day on which exit day falls, been authorised under]^{F86}Part C of] Directive [2001/18/EC](#)^{M1} of the European Parliament and of the Council (on the deliberate release into the environment of genetically modified organisms) [^{F87}as last amended by Commission Directive (EU) 2018/350]; ^{F88}...

(b) [^{F89}been authorised under] Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003^{M2} (on genetically modified food and feed) [^{F90}as last amended by Regulation (EC) 298/2008]^{F91}; or]

^{F92}(c) been authorised under the GMO Regulations.

(d) For the purpose of this paragraph, “the GMO Regulations” means—

- (i) in relation to Northern Ireland, the Genetically Modified Organisms (Deliberate Release) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003;
- (ii) in relation to England, the Genetically Modified Organisms (Deliberate Release) Regulations 2002;

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Seed Marketing Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016. (See end of Document for details)

- (iii) in relation to Wales, the Genetically Modified Organisms (Deliberate Release) (Wales) Regulations 2002;
- (iv) in relation to Scotland, the Genetically Modified Organisms (Deliberate Release) (Scotland) Regulations 2002.]

Textual Amendments	
F84	Words in Sch. 4 para. 13 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Marketing of Seeds and Plant Propagating Material (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/211), regs. 1(1), 52(i)(i) ; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
F85	Words in Sch. 4 para. 13(a) inserted (31.12.2020) by The Marketing of Seeds and Plant Propagating Material (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/211), regs. 1(1), 52(i)(ii) ; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
F86	Words in Sch. 4 para. 13(a) inserted (31.12.2020) by The Seed Marketing and Fertilisers (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020 (S.R. 2020/319), regs. 1, 3(h)(vi)
F87	Words in Sch. 4 para. 13(a) inserted (7.1.2019) by The Pesticides, Genetically Modified Organisms and Fertilisers (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2018 (S.R. 2018/188), regs. 1(1), 12(4)(a)
F88	Word in Sch. 4 para. 13(a) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Marketing of Seeds and Plant Propagating Material (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/211), regs. 1(1), 52(i)(ii) ; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
F89	Words in Sch. 4 para. 13(b) inserted (31.12.2020) by The Marketing of Seeds and Plant Propagating Material (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/211), regs. 1(1), 52(i)(iii) ; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
F90	Words in Sch. 4 para. 13(b) added (7.1.2019) by The Pesticides, Genetically Modified Organisms and Fertilisers (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2018 (S.R. 2018/188), regs. 1(1), 12(4)(b)
F91	Word in Sch. 4 para. 13(b) inserted (31.12.2020) by The Marketing of Seeds and Plant Propagating Material (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/211), regs. 1(1), 52(i)(iii) ; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
F92	Sch. 4 para. 13(c)(d) inserted (31.12.2020) by The Marketing of Seeds and Plant Propagating Material (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/211), regs. 1(1), 52(i)(iv) ; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
Marginal Citations	
M1	OJ No L 106, 17.4.2001, p. 1, as last amended by Directive 2014/412, OJ No L 68, 13.03.2015, p.1
M2	OJ No L 268, 18.10.2003, p. 1, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 298/2008, OJ No L 97, 09.04.2008, p.64

Marketing imported seed to be labelled as HVS

14.—(1) Seed certified in another [^{F80}European Single Market State] or [^{F93}country that has been granted equivalence] may be marketed as meeting a higher voluntary standard in accordance with this paragraph.

(2) A sample must be submitted to the Department for testing, and the Department, if satisfied that the sample meets the higher voluntary standard, must issue a certificate confirming this.

(3) The seed must be re-labelled using—

^{F94}(a)

(b) an OECD label if the seed [^{F95}has been imported from a country that has been granted equivalence] country,

and ^{F96}... the country of production must be stated on the label.

(4) Seed imported pending inclusion in the [^{F97}NI Variety List] or not finally certified in the country of production may be verified as being of a higher voluntary standard and re-graded after listing or final certification.

Textual Amendments

- F80** Words in Sch. 3Sch. 4 substituted (7.1.2019) by The Pesticides, Genetically Modified Organisms and Fertilisers (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2018 (S.R. 2018/188), regs. 1(1), **12(3)**
- F93** Words in Sch. 4 para. 14(1) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Seed Marketing and Fertilisers (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020 (S.R. 2020/319), regs. 1, **3(h)(vii)(aa)**
- F94** Sch. 4 para. 14(3)(a) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Marketing of Seeds and Plant Propagating Material (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/211), regs. 1(1), **52(j)(ii)(aa)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F95** Words in Sch. 4 para. 14(3)(b) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Seed Marketing and Fertilisers (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020 (S.R. 2020/319), regs. 1, **3(h)(vii)(bb)**
- F96** Words in Sch. 4 para. 14(3) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Marketing of Seeds and Plant Propagating Material (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/211), regs. 1(1), **52(j)(ii)(cc)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F97** Words in Sch. 4 para. 14 substituted (31.12.2020) by The Seeds (Variety Lists) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020 (S.R. 2020/302), regs. 1, **26(1)(e)(i)**

Marketing seed of amateur vegetable varieties

15.—(1) The Department may authorise the marketing of seed of an amateur vegetable variety in accordance with this paragraph.

(2) The seed must be of a variety listed as an amateur vegetable variety in the [^{F98}NI Variety List].

(3) The seed must comply with the requirements for marketing of standard seed set out in [^{F99}these Regulations], except the requirements in respect of minimal varietal purity.

(4) The seed must have sufficient varietal purity.

(5) The seed must be marketed in small packages not exceeding the net weight specified in Annex II to Commission Directive 2009/145/EC (which relates to amateur vegetable varieties).

(6) The seed must be labelled with a supplier's label or a printed or stamped notice which, in addition to complying with the applicable provisions of paragraph 24 of Schedule 3, contains the words “amateur variety”.

(7) In this regulation “amateur vegetable variety” has the meaning given by regulation 5A(5) of the [^{F100}Seeds (Northern Ireland Variety Lists) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020].

Textual Amendments

- F98** Words in Sch. 4 para. 15 substituted (31.12.2020) by The Seeds (Variety Lists) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020 (S.R. 2020/302), regs. 1, **26(1)(e)(i)**
- F99** Words in Sch. 4 para. 15(3) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Marketing of Seeds and Plant Propagating Material (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/211), regs. 1(1), **52(k)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F100** Words in Sch. 4 para. 15(7) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Seeds (Variety Lists) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020 (S.R. 2020/302), regs. 1, **26(1)(e)(ii)**

PART 3

Certifying seed that does not fully comply with these Regulations

[^{F101}Fodder] seed not finally certified, harvested in the United Kingdom, elsewhere than in Northern Ireland

16.—(1) [^{F102}Fodder] seed—

- (a) that has been produced directly from officially certified basic seed or certified seed of the first generation under the Directive specified in Schedule 2; and
- (b) that has been harvested in the United Kingdom, elsewhere than in Northern Ireland;

may be certified if the seed has undergone field inspection and has been found to satisfy the crop conditions specified in Schedule 2 for that category of seed and if official examination has shown that the conditions for seed of that category are satisfied.

Textual Amendments

F101 Word in Sch. 4 para. 16 heading inserted (31.12.2020) by The Seed Marketing and Fertilisers (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020 (S.R. 2020/319), regs. 1, **3(h)(viii)(aa)**

F102 Word in Sch. 4 para. 16(1) inserted (31.12.2020) by The Seed Marketing and Fertilisers (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020 (S.R. 2020/319), regs. 1, **3(h)(viii)(bb)**

Seed not finally certified, harvested in [^{F103}a][^{F80}European Single Market State]

17.—(1) [^{F104}Before the end of the period of two years beginning with the day on which exit day falls,] seed [^{F105}of cereal, vegetable, beet or oil and fibre plant]—

- (a) that has been produced—
 - (i) directly from basic seed or certified seed of the first generation officially certified [^{F106}in a European Single Market State or a country granted equivalence]; or
 - (ii) from the crossing of basic seed certified in a [^{F80}European Single Market State] with basic seed certified in [^{F107}a country granted equivalence]; and
- (b) that has been harvested in [^{F108}a][^{F80}European Single Market State];

may be certified if that seed has undergone field inspection for that category of seed and if official examination has shown that the conditions for seed of that category are satisfied.

(2) Where the seed has been produced directly from officially certified seed of generations prior to basic seed, it may be certified as basic seed if the conditions laid down for that category are satisfied.

(3) It must be labelled with a grey label bearing the following information—

- (a) the authority responsible for field inspection and the name or initials of the [^{F109}country];
- (b) the officially assigned serial number;
- (c) the species, indicated at least under its botanical name, which may be given in abridged form and without the author's names;
- (d) the variety (in the case of inbred lines and hybrids intended solely as components for hybrid varieties, the word ‘component’ must be added);
- (e) the category;
- (f) in the case of hybrid varieties, the word “hybrid”;

- (g) the declared net or gross weight;
 - (h) the words “seed not finally certified”.
- (4) It must be accompanied by an official document stating—
- (a) the authority issuing the document;
 - (b) the officially assigned serial number;
 - (c) the species, indicated at least under its botanical name, which may be given in abridged form and without the authorities' names;
 - (d) the variety;
 - (e) the category;
 - (f) the reference number of the seed used to sow the field and name of the country that certified that seed;
 - (g) the reference number of the seed lot or field;
 - (h) the area cultivated for the production of the seed lot covered by the document;
 - (i) the quantity of seed harvested and number of packages;
 - (j) the number of generations after basic seed, in the case of certified seed;
 - (k) an attestation that the conditions to be satisfied by the crop from which the seed comes have been fulfilled; and
 - (l) where appropriate, the results of a preliminary seed analysis.

Textual Amendments

- F80** Words in Sch. 3Sch. 4 substituted (7.1.2019) by The Pesticides, Genetically Modified Organisms and Fertilisers (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2018 (S.R. 2018/188), regs. 1(1), **12(3)**
- F103** Word in Sch. 4 para. 17 heading substituted (31.12.2020) by The Marketing of Seeds and Plant Propagating Material (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/211), regs. 1(1), **52(1)(i)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F104** Words in Sch. 4 para. 17(1) inserted (31.12.2020) by The Marketing of Seeds and Plant Propagating Material (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/211), regs. 1(1), **52(1)(ii)(aa)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F105** Words in Sch. 4 para. 17(1) inserted (31.12.2020) by The Seed Marketing and Fertilisers (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020 (S.R. 2020/319), regs. 1, **3(h)(ix)(aa)**
- F106** Words in Sch. 4 para. 17(1)(a)(i) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Marketing of Seeds and Plant Propagating Material (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/211), regs. 1(1), **52(1)(ii)(bb)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F107** Words in Sch. 4 para. 17(1)(a)(ii) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Marketing of Seeds and Plant Propagating Material (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/211), regs. 1(1), **52(1)(ii)(cc)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F108** Word in Sch. 4 para. 17(1)(b) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Marketing of Seeds and Plant Propagating Material (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/211), regs. 1(1), **52(1)(ii)(dd)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F109** Word in Sch. 4 para. 17(3)(a) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Marketing of Seeds and Plant Propagating Material (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/211), regs. 1(1), **52(1)(iii)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

Seed not finally certified, harvested in a ^{F110}country that has been granted equivalence]

- 18.—(1) Seed harvested in a ^{F111}country that has been granted equivalence] may be certified if—
- (a) it has been produced directly from—
 - (i) basic seed or certified seed of the first generation certified either in a ^{F80}European Single Market State] or in a ^{F112}country that has been granted equivalence]; or
 - ^{F113}(ii) the crossing of basic seed officially certified in the United Kingdom or a Crown Dependency (provided such seed has been produced under legislation recognised by the Department to have equivalent effect to these Regulations) with basic seed certified in a country granted equivalence;]
 - (b) it has undergone field inspection in accordance with Council Decision [2003/17/EC](#) (on the equivalence of field inspections carried out in third countries on seed-producing crops and on the equivalence of seed produced in third countries);
 - (c) examination has shown that the conditions for seed of that category are satisfied; and
 - (d) it is accompanied by a certificate from the competent authority of the country of origin certifying its status.
- (2) The label must be grey.

Textual Amendments

- F80** Words in [Sch. 3](#) [Sch. 4](#) substituted (7.1.2019) by [The Pesticides, Genetically Modified Organisms and Fertilisers \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2018](#) (S.R. 2018/188), regs. 1(1), **12(3)**
- F110** Words in [Sch. 4](#) para. 18 heading substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Seed Marketing and Fertilisers \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2020](#) (S.R. 2020/319), regs. 1, **3(h)(x)(aa)**
- F111** Words in [Sch. 4](#) para. 18(1) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Seed Marketing and Fertilisers \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2020](#) (S.R. 2020/319), regs. 1, **3(h)(x)(aa)**
- F112** Words in [Sch. 4](#) para. 18(1)(a)(i) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Seed Marketing and Fertilisers \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2020](#) (S.R. 2020/319), regs. 1, **3(h)(x)(bb)**
- F113** [Sch. 4](#) para. 18(1)(a)(ii) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Marketing of Seeds and Plant Propagating Material \(Amendment\) \(Northern Ireland\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/211), regs. 1(1), **52(m)** **(iii)**; 2020 c. 1, [Sch. 5](#) para. 1(1)

Marketing extensions

19. The Department may grant a marketing extension allowing an extended period for the certification and marketing of seed of a variety that has been deleted from the ^{F114}NI Variety List^{F115}....

Textual Amendments

- F114** Words in [Sch. 4](#) para. 19 substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Seeds \(Variety Lists\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2020](#) (S.R. 2020/302), regs. 1, **26(1)(e)(i)**
- F115** Words in [Sch. 4](#) para. 19 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Marketing of Seeds and Plant Propagating Material \(Amendment\) \(Northern Ireland\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/211), regs. 1(1), **52(n)**; 2020 c. 1, [Sch. 5](#) para. 1(1)

[^{F116} Interpretation

20. For the purposes of this Schedule, “country that has been granted equivalence” means a country that has been granted equivalence under Council [Decision 2003/17/EC](#) on the equivalence of field inspections carried out in third countries on seed-producing crops and on the equivalence of seed produced in third countries.]

Textual Amendments

F116 Sch. 4 para. 20 inserted (31.12.2020) by [The Seed Marketing and Fertilisers \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2020 \(S.R. 2020/319\)](#), regs. 1, **3(h)(xi)**

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Seed Marketing Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016.