
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations, which amend the Vegetable Seeds Regulations 1985, implement article 5 of Commission Directive [87/120/EEC](#) (OJNo. 449, 18.2.87, p.43) in so far as it amends Annex III of Council Directive [70/458/EEC](#) (OJ No. L225, 12.10.70, p.7) (as amended) on the marketing of vegetable seeds by providing that the maximum weight of a seed lot set out in that Annex for which a sample is to be drawn for certification shall not be exceeded by more than 5% (regulation 2(d)(ii)).

The other changes of substance made by these Regulations to the 1985 Regulations are—

(1) the deletion of the minimum size of a supplier label for small packages of Certified or Standard Seed (regulation 2(b)); and

(2) the inclusion of a requirement that a sample of seeds taken from a seed stream during processing for the purposes of an official examination shall be taken by an automatic sampling device approved by the Minister (regulation 2(d)(i)).