

SCHEDULE 4

Regulations 24(3)(c), 25(1) and (3), 26(2),
(3) and (4) and 27

LICENSED SEED TESTING STATIONS

PART I

Licensing of laboratories: matters to be taken into account

1. The premises in which the laboratory is situated.
2. The equipment that is available at the laboratory for carrying out statutory seed testing.
3. The knowledge and qualifications—
 - (a) in seed testing and laboratory management of the Analyst in Charge; and
 - (b) in seed testing of any seed analysts

who staff, or will staff, the laboratory in respect of which the application is made.

PART II

LSTS licence conditions

1. The LSTS shall have a person acting as the Analyst in Charge.
2. All statutory seed testing carried out at the LSTS shall be carried out by a seed analyst or the Analyst in Charge of the LSTS.
3. Any change regarding the person appointed to act as the Analyst in Charge of the LSTS or regarding the person in charge of the LSTS shall be notified to the Secretary of State within 21 days.
4. The premises in which the LSTS is maintained shall be satisfactory for the purpose of carrying out statutory seed testing and shall be equipped with equipment that enables the seed tests to be carried out in accordance with current international methods specified by the Secretary of State.
5. The LSTS shall be open to inspection at all reasonable times by an authorised officer.
6. Statutory seed testing shall be carried out in accordance with current international methods specified by the Secretary of State.
7. A record shall be kept of all statutory seed tests carried out at the LSTS.
8. The records referred to in paragraph 7 shall be available for inspection at all reasonable times by an authorised officer.
9. A portion (in this Schedule called “the reserve portion”) of every sample of seed submitted for statutory seed testing shall be taken from the submitted sample in accordance with a method specified by the Secretary of State and shall be at least the prescribed minimum weight.
10. The reserve portion shall be placed in a bag and the bag shall be identified, sealed and retained under good storage conditions in accordance with instructions issued by the Secretary of State. It shall not be opened during the period specified in the instruction except by or on the authority of an authorised officer.
11. The reserve portion shall be delivered to an authorised officer on request.