SCHEDULE 5

Certification of plant material

PART 2

Certification of pre-basic material

Health requirements: candidate pre-basic mother plants and pre-basic mother plants produced by renewal

9.—(1) A candidate pre-basic mother plant and a pre-basic mother plant produced by renewal must be free from the pests listed in Annex I and Annex II to Directive 2014/98/EU, as regards the genus or species concerned.

- (2) This is established—
 - (a) for pests listed in Annex I to Directive 2014/98/EU, by visual inspection and, in cases of doubt concerning the presence of those pests, by sampling and testing;
 - (b) for pests listed in Annex II to Directive 2014/98/EU, by visual inspection and sampling and testing.
- (3) Subject to sub-paragraph (4), sampling and testing—
 - (a) must be carried out by an inspector or, where appropriate, the supplier in accordance with the appropriate protocol;
 - (b) in relation to viruses, viroids, virus-like diseases and phytoplasmas, is by means of biological indexing on indicator plants, or such other method the Welsh Ministers consider to be as reliable;
 - (c) must take place—
 - (i) in the most appropriate period of the year taking into account the climatic conditions and the growing conditions of the plant, and the biology of the pests relevant for that plant;
 - (ii) in case of doubts concerning the presence of those pests, at any time of the year.

(4) Where a candidate pre-basic mother plant is a seedling, visual inspection and sampling and testing is only required in respect of the viruses, viroids or virus-like diseases listed in Annex II to Directive 2014/98/EU, as regards the genus or species concerned, that are transmitted by pollen if—

- (a) an official inspection confirms the seedling was grown from a seed produced by a plant free from symptoms caused by those viruses, viroids and virus-like diseases;
- (b) the seedling has been maintained in accordance with paragraph 8.