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SEEDS

Beet Seeds

REGULATIONS, DATED 28TH JUNE 1974, MADE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE UNDER SECTION 1 OF THE SEEDS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1965 AS AMENDED BY SCHEDULE 3 TO THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES (AGRICULTURE) ORDER (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1972.

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The Department of Agriculture in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 1 of the Seeds Act (Northern Ireland) 1965(**a**) as amended by Schedule 3 to the European Communities (Agriculture) Order (Northern Ireland) 1972(**b**) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf and after consultation with representatives of such interests as appear to it to be concerned hereby makes the following regulations:—

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Beet Seeds Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1974 and shall come into operation on 1st July 1974.

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires—

"the Act" means the Seeds Act (Northern Ireland);

"beet seeds" means seeds of sugar beet and fodder beet (including mangel) of the species *Beta vulgaries* L;

"Common Catalogue" means the Common Catalogue of varieties of kinds of agricultural plants published or to be published in the Official Journal of the European Communities;

"the Department" means the Department of Agriculture;

"maintainer" means a person who is indicated in a National List or in the Common Catalogue as responsible for the maintenance of the beet variety;

"marketing" includes, as the context shall permit, the offer for sale, exposure for sale, sale and possession with a view to sale of seeds, and any transaction in the course of business—

(*a*) under which the property in seeds is transferred from one person to another; or

(*b*) under which the seeds are made over by one person to another in pursuance of a contract under which the seeds will be used for producing further seeds or for producing plants or parts of plants for human or animal consumption, and "market" and "marketed" shall be construed accordingly;

"Member State" means a member state of the European Communities;

"monogerm seeds" mean genetically monogerm seeds with the percentage of the germinated clusters producing single seedlings being not less than the minimum specified in Part II of Schedule 1;

(**a**) 1965. c. 22 (N.I.). (**b**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1972, No. 351.

"National List" means a list of varieties of kinds of beet published in accordance with the Seeds (National Lists of Varieties) Regulations 1973(c);

"official examination" means an examination carried out by or on behalf of the Department subject to the payment of any fee imposed by Regulations made under the Act, an examination carried out by or on behalf of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Secretary of State for Scotland or, in relation to seeds harvested elsewhere than in the United Kingdom, an examination approved by the Department;

"official label" and "official notice" mean respectively a label and a notice prepared by or on behalf of the Department;

"precision seeds" means seeds intended for use in precision drills with the percentage of seeds producing single seedlings being not less than the minimum specified in Part II of Schedule 1;

"pure" in relation to seeds means wholly comprised of seeds of the kind of which the seeds purport to be;

"small package" means a package of certified seeds containing no more than a net weight of $2\frac{1}{2}$ kilograms of seeds other than pelleted seeds or of $12\frac{1}{2}$ kilograms of pelleted seeds.

(3) In these Regulations, in relation to the categories of seeds referred to therein—

"basic seeds" means seeds—

(*a*) which have been produced by or under the responsibility of the maintainer;

(*b*) which are intended for the production of certified seeds; and

(*c*) which satisfy the requirements for basic seeds set out in Schedule 1 and which have on an official examination been found to satisfy these requirements;

"certified seeds" means seeds—

(*a*) which have been produced directly from basic seeds or, with the approval of the maintainer, from pre-basic seeds;

(*b*) which are intended to be used mainly for the production of plants or parts of plants for human or animal consumption; and

(*c*) which satisfy the requirements for certified seeds set out in Schedule 1 and which have on an official examination been found to satisfy these requirements;

"pre-basic seeds" means seeds of a generation earlier than that of basic seeds—

(*a*) which have been produced by or under the responsibility of the maintainer,

(*b*) which are intended for the production of pre-basic seeds, uncertified pre-basic seeds, basic seeds or certified seeds,

(*c*) which satisfy the requirements for basic seeds set out in Schedule 1 and which have on an official examination been found to satisfy these requirements;

(c) S.I. 1973, No. 994.

"uncertified pre-basic seeds" means seeds of a generation earlier than that of basic seeds—

(*a*) which have been produced in the United Kingdom by or under the responsibility of the maintainer; and

(*b*) which are intended for the production of pre-basic seeds, uncertified pre-basic seeds or basic seeds.

Seeds to which the regulations apply

3.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2) these regulations apply to beet seeds intended to be used only for the production of agricultural or horticultural crops.

(2) These regulations shall not apply to—

(*a*) seeds which are marketed for delivery elsewhere than in a Member State;

(*b*) seeds used or to be used for research or experiment;

(*c*) seeds used or to be used in the course of a process of selection; and

(*d*) seeds which are marketed with a view to processing, treatment or cleaning, provided that the identity of the seeds is stated by the person by whom they are marketed.

Marketing of seeds

4.—(1)(*a*) Subject to the provisions of this regulation no person shall market any seeds which have been produced in a Member State unless they are pre-basic seeds, uncertified pre-basic seeds, basic seeds or certified seeds;

(*b*) Sub-paragraph (*a*) shall not take effect until the 1st July 1976 in relation to seeds other than pre-basic seeds, uncertified pre-basic seeds or basic seeds where such seeds satisfy the requirements set out in Part II of Schedule 1 relating to certified seeds, and where such seeds are marketed after the 30th September 1974 they shall have, on an official examination, been shown to satisfy these requirements.

(2) No person shall market any seeds which have been produced elsewhere than in a Member State, unless they are—

(*a*) seeds marketed before the 1st July 1976, not being pre-basic seeds, uncertified pre-basic seeds, basic seeds or certified seeds; or

(*b*) pre-basic seeds, basic seeds or certified seeds marketed in accordance with and subject to the conditions imposed by a general licence granted by the Department:

Provided that seeds marketed in accordance with sub-paragraph (*a*) shall satisfy the requirements set out in Part II of Schedule 1 relating to certified seeds and, where such seeds are marketed after the 30th September 1974, they have, on an official examination, been shown to satisfy these requirements.

(3) The Department may by a general licence taking effect during a period specified in the licence and subject to any conditions imposed by the licence, authorise any person to market as pre-basic seeds, basic seeds, certified seeds or seeds marketed in accordance with paragraphs (1)(*b*) or (2)(*a*), seeds which fail in some respect to satisfy the requirements for such seeds set out in Schedule 1 to market seeds which, notwithstanding the requirements of the Seeds (National Lists of Varieties) Regulations 1973, are of a variety not entered in a National List or in the Common Catalogue: Provided that in all other respects, unless expressly otherwise provided, the provisions of these Regulations shall apply in relation to the marketing of the seeds.

(4) Notwithstanding the requirement in Schedule 1 that basic seeds shall attain the minimum standards of germination specified in the said Schedule any person may, subject to the requirements of paragraphs (2)(*b*) and (7) of Regulation 8, market as pre-basic seeds or basic seeds, seeds which in other respects satisfy the requirements for basic seeds set out in the said Schedule but which attain a lower percentage of germination than that specified in the said Schedule in relation to seeds of that kind.

(5) In a case where the official examination in respect of the germination of a proposed consignment of seeds has not been completed and the Department has been informed of the name and address of the first consignee and provided with a provisional report in respect of such germination he may, if the seeds in other respects satisfy the appropriate requirements of Schedule 1, authorise the sale of the seeds as pre-basic seeds or basic seeds or certified seeds, as the case may be, to the said consignee.

(6) Paragraphs (4) and (5) shall not apply to seeds which have been imported from a country other than a Member State unless they were produced directly from pre-basic seeds or basic seeds certified in a Member State.

Sampling

5.—(1) A sample of seeds taken for the purposes of an official examination or, subject to paragraph (3) for the enforcement of these regulations shall be taken in accordance with the procedure set out in Schedule 2.

(2) A sample of seeds taken for the enforcement of these Regulations shall be divided into three parts of which one part shall be delivered or sent to the owner of the seeds or his representative, one part shall be delivered or sent to the Chief Officer of an Official Seed Testing Station and the remaining part shall be retained and be available for production to a Court in accordance with section 9(7) of the Act: Provided that where it appears to the person taking the sample that the seeds from which the sample has been taken were purchased for use and not for resale, the first part of the sample shall be delivered or sent to the last seller of the seeds or his representative in place of the owner of the seeds or his representative.

(3) The weight of a sample taken for the enforcement of these regulations shall be such as to ensure that each of the parts into which it is divided is of not less than the minimum weight indicated in Schedule 2 and the sample shall be divided accordingly.

Certificates of taking and testing of a sample

6.—(1) A certificate in the form set out in Part I of Schedule 3 of the taking of a sample of seeds is hereby prescribed in accordance with section 9(3) of the Act.

(2) A certificate in the form set out in Part II of Schedule 3 of the result of a test of a sample of seeds taken for the enforcement of these regulations is hereby prescribed in accordance with section 7(3) of the Act.

Sealing of packages

7.—(1) No person shall market a package of pre-basic seeds, basic seeds or a package, other than a small package, of certified seeds, unless it has

been not later than at the time of sampling sealed by a person authorised by the Department in that behalf with a sealing device (which may be an adhesive label) in such a manner that when the package is opened the sealing device will be broken and cannot be replaced.

(2) If a package of seeds which has been sealed in accordance with paragraph (1) shall have been opened it may not be re-sealed or further re-sealed except by a person authorised by the Department in that behalf.

(3) No person shall market a package of uncertified seeds or a small package of seeds unless it has been sealed with a sealing device approved by the Department in such a manner that when the package is opened the sealing device is broken and cannot be replaced.

Labelling of packages

8.—(1) Subject to paragraph (6) no person shall market any seeds except in a package which is labelled, inscribed or otherwise dealt with in accordance with this regulation.

(2)(*a*) A package of pre-basic seeds, basic seeds or certified seeds, other than a small package of certified seeds, shall have affixed on the outside an official label containing, as appropriate to the seeds, particulars of the matters specified, and being of the size and colour also specified, in Schedule 4 which shall be either an adhesive label or a label secured to the package by an alternative sealing device and shall be affixed in either case by a person authorised by the Department in that behalf.

(*b*) If in accordance with Regulation 4(4) a person shall market basic seed of a lower percentage of germination than that specified in Schedule 1, the fact shall be stated on the official label.

(3) A package of basic seeds or a package, other than a small package, of certified seeds shall contain an official notice which shall be of the same colour as the official label and shall contain particulars of the matters specified in the items numbered 3, 4, 5, 9 and 10 in Part I of Schedule 4: Provided that if such particulars are printed indelibly on the outside of the package or if the official label is an adhesive label the official notice referred to in this paragraph shall not be required.

(4) A package of uncertified pre-basic seeds or a small package shall have affixed on the outside a label containing, as appropriate to the seeds, particulars of the matters specified and being of the colour also specified in Schedule 4: Provided that if such particulars are indelibly printed on the outside of the package the said label shall not be required.

(5) A person who markets a package of seeds in accordance with paragraphs (1)(*b*) or (2)(*a*) of Regulation 4 shall with the seeds, or not later than 14 days after the sale or delivery (whichever is the later) of the seeds, give to the purchaser a statement in writing, on a label attached to the package or on the package itself or on an invoice or other document associated with the seeds, containing the particulars specified in Part V of Schedule 4.

(6) A person may sell any seeds otherwise than in a package provided that they are sold by way of retail sale, in a quantity not exceeding 2½ kilograms, and are taken in the presence of the purchaser from a container on or in the proximity of which there is clearly and visibly marked or displayed a statement containing the particulars of the matters specified in Part VI of Schedule 4.

(7) If a person markets basic seeds in accordance with Regulation 4(4) or if the Department shall have authorised the marketing of seeds in accordance with Regulation 4(5) a supplier's label affixed to the outside of the package shall contain a statement of the germination of the seeds together with the name and address of the seller and the reference number of the lot.

(8) If a package of seeds shall have been re-sealed in accordance with Regulation 7(2), the fact shall be stated, together with the date of the re-sealing and the name of the authority responsible for it, on the official label.

(9) If any seeds in a package have been subjected to any chemical treatment the fact that they have been so subjected and the nature of the treatment, or the proprietary name of the chemical employed, shall be stated—

(*a*) on the label referred to in paragraphs (2), (4) or (5) or, where such a label is not required with the particulars otherwise given in accordance with this regulation, or

(*b*) on a separate supplier's label

and also (except where the label referred to in paragraphs (2), (4) or (5) is not required, or where the information prescribed by this paragraph is given on an adhesive label) either on the outside of the package or in a statement enclosed in the package.

(10) The particulars and information given in accordance with this regulation shall be given in one of the official languages of the European Economic Community.

(11) Subject to the provisions of the Act and of these regulations no person shall, in the course of the marketing or the preparation for the marketing of any seeds by himself or by some other person, wilfully reproduce, remove, alter, deface, conceal or misuse in any way any label or notice affixed to, contained in or marked on any package of seeds or to be so affixed, contained or marked.

Civil liabilities of sellers of seeds

9.—(1) The particulars given to a purchaser by the seller of pre-basic seeds, basic seeds or certified seeds, whether given in pursuance of these Regulations expressly or by implication arising from the description under which the seeds are sold, shall constitute a statutory warranty for the purposes of section 4 of the Act in so far as they relate to the percentage of germination, the percentage of analytical purity, the content of seeds of other plant kinds and the varietal purity of the seeds.

(2) Section 4(2) of the Act shall apply to any particulars given to a purchaser by the seller of seeds, being particulars given or implied as in paragraph (1) in so far as they relate to the percentage of germination, of analytical purity, or of the content of seeds of other plant kinds and there are hereby prescribed in respect of such matters the limits of variation set out in Schedule 5.

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

(4) A purchaser who intends to obtain a test of seeds for the purposes of section 4(3) of the Act shall, not more than 10 days after delivery to him of the seeds, or the particulars prescribed in Regulation 8(5) (whichever is the later), give to the seller written notice of his intention and thereupon the seller may indicate a day (not being more than 21 days after delivery of the seeds or the said particulars, whichever is the later, to the purchaser) and a reasonable time on that day at which a sample of the seeds may be taken in the presence of himself or of his representative and the purchaser shall afford to the seller reasonable facilities for that purpose.

(5) On the day and at the time appointed by the seller in accordance with paragraph (4) or, if the seller shall have failed to appoint such a day and time, on a day not more than 28 days after delivery of the seeds or of the said particulars (whichever is the later) to the purchaser, the purchaser may, and if the seller or his representative is present shall, take a sample of the seeds, such sample being taken in accordance with the procedure set out in Schedule 2, and shall divide the sample so taken into two parts, each being of the appropriate minimum weight specified in Schedule 2, of which one part shall be sent to the Chief Officer of an Official Seed Testing Station for the purpose of being tested and the other part delivered or tendered to the seller or his representative or, if her or his representative was not present when the sample was taken, sent to him by post.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Agriculture this 28th day of June 1974.

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Assistant Secretary.

SCHEDULE 1

Requirements for basic seeds and certified seeds

PART I

Conditions relating to the crop from which the seeds are obtained

1. The crop shall possess adequate identity and varietal purity.

2. So far as it can be ascertained at crop inspection supplemented, where appropriate, by examination of a plot sown by the Department with a sample from the seed lot sown in the field, the plants shall conform to the characteristics of the variety established when the variety was included in a National List or the Common Catalogue.

3. In so far as required by the Department seed producers shall submit for examination all the multiplications of seeds of a variety.

4. There shall be at least one official field inspection and for basic seeds at least two inspections, one of the plants in the year sowing and the other in the year of harvest.

5. The cultural condition of the field and the stage of development of the crop shall be such that a sufficient check of identity and varietal purity can be carried out.

6. Minimum distances from neighbouring seed crops shall be:

	Basic seeds (metres)	*Certified seeds (metres)*
(*a*) Sugar beet in relation to:		
—other varieties of sugar beet	500	300
—fodder beet (including mangel) and other sub-species of *Beta vulgaris*	1,000	600
(*b*) Fodder beet (including mangel) in relation to:		
—other varieties of fodder beet	500	300
—sugar beet and other sub-species of *Beta vulgaris*	1,000	600

The above distances shall apply equally in relation to plants or fields of all sub-species of *Beta vulgaris* cultivated for root purposes and flowering at the same time as the plants in the seed producing field.

7. These distances need not be observed if there is adequate protection against any undesirable foreign pollination.

PART II

Conditions relating to the seeds

1. The seeds are to possess adequate identity and varietal purity.

2. The seeds shall be of a satisfactory state of health so far as seed-borne diseases and organisms affecting the seeds are concerned.

3. The seeds shall have been shown on an official examination to comply with the following conditions:

	Minimum analytical purity (per cent by weight)	*Minimum germination (per cent by number of clusters or pure seeds)*	*Maximum moisture content (per cent by weight)*
Sugar beet and fodder beet (including mangel)			
(*a*) Monogerm seeds, precision seeds or natural seeds of varieties with a diploid percentage exceeding 85	97	73	15
(*b*) Other seeds	97	68	15

4. The percentage by weight of seeds of other plants shall not exceed 0.3 including a maximum percentage of weed seeds of 0.1. For this purpose at least 200 grams of the sample shall be examined.

5. Additional requirements for monogerm seeds and precision seeds:

(*a*) Monogerm seeds:

At least 90 per cent of the germinated clusters shall be of single seedlings.

(*b*) Precision seeds:

For varieties in which the percentage of diploids exceeds 85, at least 58 per cent of the germinated clusters shall be of single seedlings. For all other varieties at least 63 per cent of the germinated clusters shall give single seedlings. The percentage of clusters giving three or more seedlings shall not exceed 5, calculated on the germinated clusters.

SCHEDULE 2

Sampling

PART I

Procedure for the taking of samples

1. Prior to sampling a seed lot shall be well mixed so as to be as uniform among its parts as is practicable.

2. When the seed lot is in sacks or other similar sized containers, the number of containers to be sampled shall be in accordance with the following table:—

Number of containers in the lot	*Minimum number of containers to be sampled*
1— 5 (inclusive)	Each container, portions being taken from at least five positions
6—14 „	Not less than 5 containers
15—30 „	At least 1 container in 3
31—49 „	Not less than 10 containers
50 or more	At least one container in 5

When there are more than five containers in the lot the containers to be sampled must be selected at random.

3. For sampling seed lots in containers weighing less than 50 kg a 100 kg weight of seeds is taken as the basic unit. Containers are combined to form sampling units weighing a maximum of 100 kg (e.g. 5 containers each of 20 kg form 1 unit). For sampling purposes each unit is regarded as one container and the sampling intensity prescribed above is used.

4. The samples should be taken in the following manner:

Seeds in full containers

Where the seeds are in sacks they shall be sampled at random and samples taken from either the top, middle or bottom of each selected sack. The position from which the seeds are taken shall be varied from sack to sack and seeds shall be taken from different horizontal positions. Wherever practicable, seeds shall be sampled with a metal spear, trier or probe with a solid point which shall be of sufficient length to reach beyond the middle of the sack when inserted from the side and shall have an oval aperture so placed that the instrument removes portions of seeds of equal volume from each part of the sack through which it travels. The instrument should be inserted into the sack in an upward direction at an angle of approximately 30° to the horizontal, with its aperture downwards until the aperture reaches the centre of the sack. It shall then be rotated so as to bring the aperture uppermost and withdrawn at once at a decreasing speed so that the quantity of seeds obtained from successive locations increases progressively from the centre to the side of the sack.

Alternatively, a long instrument should be inserted until the aperture reaches the farther side of the sack, rotated in the manner described above and then withdrawn at a uniform speed. A stick sampler may be used in place of the instrument above. It may be used horizontally or vertically. If the stick sampler has more than one aperture it must have transverse partitions so that each aperture opens into a separate compartment: it should be inserted diagonally into the sack in the closed position, then opened, gently agitated to allow it to fill completely, closed again, withdrawn and emptied.

Seeds in containers other than sacks shall wherever practicable be sampled with an instrument as aforesaid, which shall be used as already described.

Where it is not practicable to sample seeds in sacks or other containers in the manner already described, portions may be taken by hand, care being taken to keep the fingers tightly closed about the seeds so that none may escape as the hand is withdrawn. If necessary, in order to reach the lower levels, part of the contents shall be emptied into another sack or other container.

Seeds in a partly filled container

The seeds shall be thoroughly mixed by hand and small portions then taken from at least five different positions.

Seeds in bulk

Portions of seeds shall be taken with a stick sampler from at least the number of positions indicated in the table below:—

Size of lot	*Number of positions to be sampled*
Up to 50 kg	Not less than 3
51 to 1,500 kg	Not less than 5
1,501 to 3,000 kg	At least 1 for each 300 kg
3,001 to 5,000 kg	Not less than 10
5,001 to 20,000 kg	At least 1 for each 500 kg

Sampling positions must be selected at random in both vertical and horizontal planes.

If the stick sampler has more than one aperture it shall have transverse partitions so that each aperture opens into a separate compartment.

Seeds in a cleaning, mixing or dressing machine

Portions of seeds shall be drawn during the cleaning, mixing or dressing process so that the entire cross section of the seed stream is uniformly sampled at regular intervals throughout the whole process. The frequency shall be at least as indicated in the table below:—

Size of lot	*Number of times to be sampled*
Up to 50 kg	Not less than 3
51 to 1,500 kg	Not less than 5
1,501 to 3,000 kg	At least 1 for each 300 kg
3,001 to 5,000 kg	Not less than 10
5,001 to 20,000 kg	At least 1 for each 500 kg

5. When the individual portions taken from the lot already exceed the amount required they shall be put together in a clean receptacle and well mixed. The composite sample so obtained shall be reduced by using an efficient seed divider.

6. Portions of seeds for moisture tests shall be drawn in such a way as to prevent exposure to the atmosphere. Samples shall be packed in air-tight containers. Seeds for moisture tests shall be kept separate from seeds on which other determinations are to be made.

PART II

Maximum weight of a lot and minimum weight of a sample

1. The maximum weight of a lot to be sampled shall be 20 tons.
2. The minimum weight of a sample shall be 500 grams.
3. The minimum weight of a sample for a moisture test shall be 50 grams.

SCHEDULE 3

Certificates

PART I

Certificate of the taking of a sample of seeds

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND

SEEDS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1965

BEET SEEDS REGULATIONS (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1974

CERTIFICATE OF THE TAKING OF A SAMPLE OF SEEDS TAKEN UNDER SECTION 8(3) OF THE ACT ON THE PREMISES OF

Name .....

Address .....

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Kind .....

Variety .....

Category .....

Certificate or reference number .....

Date of sampling .....

Department's reference number .....

I certify that in taking the sample referred to above I used the method of sampling prescribed in Schedule 2 to the Beet Seeds Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1974.

(Signed) .....
Authorised by the Department of Agriculture for the execution of the Act

Date .....

PART II

Certificate of the result of a test of seeds

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND

SEEDS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1965

REGULATIONS (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1974

Official Station No. .....

Control Sample No. .....

FINAL REPORT OF THE OFFICIAL SEED TESTING STATION FOR NORTHERN IRELAND ON A SAMPLE TAKEN UNDER SECTION 8(3) OF THE ACT ON THE PREMISES OF

Name .....

Address .....

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Date received at Station ..... Date of Sampling .....

Quantity Sampled ..... Quantity represented .....

Description

Kind ..... Variety .....

Reference ..... Category .....

Results of Tests

% Pure seeds	% Inert matter	% Other crop seeds	% Weed seeds

Inert matter

Other crop seeds

Weed seeds

Weed seeds in 200g ..... %

Other crop seeds in 200g ..... %

Germination ..... %

Germinated clusters with One seedling ..... %

Two seedlings ..... %

Three or more seedlings ..... %

Moisture content ..... %

Remarks

Date .....

Chief Officer.

SCHEDULE 4

PART I

Official label for a package of basic seeds or certified seeds

(*a*) *Prescribed contents*

1. "EEC rules and standards"
2. Certifying Authority and Member State or their mark
3. Reference number of the lot
4. Kind
5. Variety
6. Category
7. Country of production
8. Declared net or gross weight, or declared number of seeds
9. For monogerm seeds, "monogerm"
10. For precision seeds, "precision"

(*b*) *Minimum size of the label*

110 mm x 67 mm

(*c*) The label shall be coloured white for basic seeds and blue for certified seeds

PART II

Official label for a package of pre-basic seeds

(*a*) *Prescribed contents*

1. Certifying Authority and Member State or their mark
2. Reference number of the lot
3. Kind
4. Variety
5. Specification "pre-basic seeds"
6. Declared net or gross weight, or declared number of seeds
7. Number of generations preceding seeds of the category "certified seeds"
8. For monogerm seeds, "monogerm"
9. For precision seeds, "precision"

(*b*) *Minimum size of the label*

110 mm x 67 mm

(*c*) The label shall be coloured white with a diagonal violet line

PART III

Supplier's label for a package of uncertified pre-basic seeds

(*a*) *Prescribed contents*

1. Name and address of the supplier responsible for fixing the labels or his identification mark
2. Reference number of the lot
3. Kind
4. Variety
5. Specification "uncertified pre-basic seeds"
6. Declared net or gross weight or declared number of seeds
7. For monogerm seeds, "monogerm"
8. For precision seeds, "precision"

(*b*) The label shall be coloured buff

PART IV

Supplier's label for a small package of certified seeds

(*a*) *Prescribed contents*

1. "EEC rules and standards"
2. Name and address of the supplier responsible for affixing the labels or his identification mark
3. Reference number of the lot
4. Kind
5. Variety
6. Specification "certified seeds"
7. Declared net weight or declared number of seeds
8. For monogerm seeds, "monogerm"
9. For precision seeds, "precision"

(*b*) The label shall be coloured blue

PART V

Particulars to be given with a package of seeds sold in accordance with Regulation 8(5)

1. Name and address of seller
2. "Complies with legal standards"
3. Kind
4. Variety
5. The country of production
6. For monogerm seeds, "monogerm"
7. For precision seeds, "precision"

PART VI

Particulars to be marked or displayed on the sale of unpacketed seeds

1. "Complies with legal standards"
2. Kind
3. Variety
4. For monogerm seeds, "monogerm"
5. For precision seeds, "precision"

SCHEDULE 5

Limits of Variation

PURITY

Minimum percentage of analytical purity	*Limit of variation*
Per cent	Per cent
99.9—100	0.2
99.8	0.3
99.6—99.7	0.4
99.3—99.5	0.5
99.0—99.2	0.6
98.5—98.9	0.7
98.3—98.4	0.8
97.5—98.2	0.9
97.0—97.4	1.0

GERMINATION

Minimum percentage of germination or single seedlings	*Limit of variation*
Per cent	Per cent
99—100	2
97—98	3
94—96	4
91—93	5
87—90	6
82—86	7
76—81	8
69—75	9
60—68	10
58—59	11

OTHER SPECIES

Maximum seeds	*Limit of variation*
Per cent	Per cent
0.0	0.1
0.1—0.2	0.3
0.3	0.4

CLUSTERS WITH THREE OR MORE SEEDLINGS

Maximum clusters with three or more seedlings	*Limit of variation*
Per cent	Per cent
0—2	2
3—4	3
5	4

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations, but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These regulations are made under the Seeds Act (Northern Ireland) 1965 as amended by the European Communities (Agriculture) Order (Northern Ireland) 1972. They regulate the marketing in Northern Ireland of Beet Seeds, previously subject to the Seeds Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1971, such regulations being revoked by the Fodder Plant Seeds Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1974 which come into operation at the same time as these regulations.

The regulations apply to seeds of sugar beet and fodder beet (including mangel) except where they are seeds sold for delivery to countries not within the European Economic Community, seeds used for research, experiment or selection processes or unclean seeds.

Seeds may only be marketed if they are of specified categories which attain the minimum standards prescribed by the regulations. Provision is made for the sealing and labelling of the packages in which seeds are sold and for the taking of samples for verification and enforcement purposes. The regulations also provide that sellers are deemed to warrant the correctness of certain particulars stated or implied on the sale of seeds.

Schedules to the regulations include the details of the standards to be attained by the different categories of seeds and the crops from which they are derived, of the procedure for the taking of samples and of the particulars to appear on labels on packages of seeds. Tampering with such labels will constitute an offence.

The regulations give effect to Directive 66/400/EEC of the Council of the European Economic Community (OJ No. 125 11.7.66 (OJ/SE 1966)) on the marketing of beet seeds.