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amending the Annexes to Council Directive 66/400/EEC of 14 June 1966 on the marketing of beet seed

(76/331/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard for the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 66/400/EEC of 14 June 1966 on the marketing of beet seed [1], as last amended by Council Directive 75/444/EEC [2], and in particular Article 21a thereof,

Whereas in the light of developments in scientific and technical knowledge Annex I to the said Directive should be amended for the reasons set out below;

Whereas the monogerm varieties of beets, which are being used more and more frequently, show a tendency to hybridization;

Whereas, in order to avoid any risks which could result from this, the minimum distance between neighbouring cultures shall be extended in certain specified cases;

Whereas, improvements in the quality of sugar-beet seeds allows the minimum requirements in respect of the germination capacity and monogermity to be raised;

Whereas certain provisions shall be adapted to the conditions for official examination of seeds carried out according to current international methods;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Directive are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on Seeds and Propagating Material for Agriculture, Horticulture and Forestry,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE:

Article 1

In Part A (5) of Annex I, the text of the table is hereby replaced by the following:

(1) OJ No 125, 11. 7. 1966, p. 2290/66.
(2) OJ No L 196, 26. 7. 1975, p. 6.

	Basic seed	Certified seed
(a) Sugar-beet :		
— monogerm varieties of sugar-beet from other varieties of sugar-beet	1 000 m	600 m
— varieties of sugar-beet other than monogerms from other varieties of sugar-beet	600 m	300 m
— sugar-beet from fodder-beet and other sub-species of Beta vulgaris	1 000 m	1 000 m
(b) Fodder-beet :		
— monogerm varieties of fodder-beet from other varieties of fodder-beet	1 000 m	600 m
— varieties of fodder-beet other than monogerms from other varieties of fodder-beet	600 m	300 m
— fodder-beet from sugar-beet and other sub-species of Beta vulgaris	1 000 m	1 000 m

Article 2

In Part B (3) (a) of Annex I, the text of the table is hereby replaced by the following :

	Minimum analytical purity (1) (% by weight)	Minimum germination (% of clusters or pure seed)	Maximum moisture content (1) (% by weight)
(aa) Sugar-beet :			
— monogerm seed	97	80	15
— precision seed	97	75	15
— multigerm seed of varities with more than 85 % diploids	97	73	15
— other seeds	97	68	15
(bb) Fodder-beet :			
— multigerm seed of varieties with more than 85 % diploids, monogerm seed, precision seed	97	73	15
— other seeds	97	68	15

The percentage by weight of other seeds shall not exceed 0·3.

(1) Excluding, where appropriate, granulated pesticides, pelleting substances or other solid additives.

Article 3

1. In Part B (3) (b) of Annex I, the following sentence is hereby added to (aa) :

'The percentage of clusters giving three or more seedlings shall not exceed five, calculated on the germinated clusters.'

2. In Part B (3) (b) of Annex I, the following (a) shall be added after (aa) :

'(aa) (a) Precision seed of sugar beet :

At least 70 % of the germinated clusters shall give single seedlings. The percentage of clusters giving three or more seedlings shall not exceed five, calculated on the germinated clusters.'

3. In Part B (3) (b) of Annex I, the heading (bb) shall be replaced by the following :

'(bb) Precision seed of fodder-beet.'

Article 4

Member States shall bring into force the laws, regulations or administrative provisions necessary to comply with this Directive on :

— 1 July 1978 in the case of Article 1 ;

— 1 July 1977 in the case of the other provisions of this Directive.

Article 5

This Directive is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 29 March 1976.

For the Commission

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