STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1975 No. 720

SEEDS

The Seeds (Registration and Licensing) (Amendment) Regulations 1975

Made - - - -	28*th April* 1975
Laid before Parliament	8*th May* 1975
Coming into Operation	1*st July* 1975

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Secretary of State, acting jointly, in exercise of the powers vested in them by sections 16(1), (1A) and (8) and 36 of the Plant Varieties and Seeds Act 1964**(a)**, as amended by section 4(1) of and paragraph 5(1), (2) and (3) of Schedule 4 to the European Communities Act 1972**(b)** and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, after consultation with representatives of such interests as appear to them to be concerned, hereby make the following regulations:—

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These regulations, which apply to Great Britain, may be cited as the Seeds (Registration and Licensing) (Amendment) Regulations 1975 and shall come into operation on 1st July 1975.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889**(c)** shall apply to the interpretation of these regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

Amendment of principal regulations

2. The Seeds (Registration and Licensing) Regulations 1974**(d)** are hereby amended by inserting at the beginning of paragraph (3) of Regulation 9 the words "Subject to paragraph (4) of this Regulation" and by adding at the end of the said Regulation 9 the following paragraph—

> "(4) The Minister shall not withdraw a licence in accordance with paragraph (3) of this Regulation unless he has previously given to the person concerned a written notification of the reasons for the proposed withdrawal and has afforded to him an opportunity of making representations to the Minister either, at the option of the said person, in writing or on being heard by a person appointed by the Minister for the purpose and the Minister shall not withdraw the licence without having regard to any representations so made".

(a) 1964 c. 14. **(b)** 1972 c. 68. **(c)** 1889 c. 63.
(d) S.I. 1974/760 (1974 I, p. 2914).

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 25th April 1975.

(L.S.)

Frederick Peart,
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

William Ross,
Secretary of State for Scotland.

28th April 1975.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations amend the seeds (Registration and Licensing) Regulations 1974 by providing that a licence granted to a crop inspector or a seed sampler may be withdrawn by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food or the Secretary of State only after regard is had to any representations, which may be oral or in writing, made by the person concerned.

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