

## SCHEDULE 8

Regulations 27(4), (5)(a), (6)(a),(7), (8)(a),  
(9),(10)(a),(13)(a) and (20)(a)

### LABELLING

#### PART 1

##### Particulars to be marked or displayed on the sale of unpackaged seeds

1. The following particulars shall be given—
  - (a) The words “complies with legal standards”;
  - (b) the species; and
  - (c) except in the case of commercial seed, the variety.

#### PART 2

##### Labelling of packages of breeder’s seed

2. The package shall be labelled, not later than the time of sealing, on the outside with a supplier’s label containing the following particulars—
  - (a) the name and address of the supplier responsible for affixing the labels or his registered number;
  - (b) the reference number of the seed lot;
  - (c) the species;
  - (d) the variety;
  - (e) the words “breeder’s seed”; and
  - (f) the declared net or gross weight or declared number of seeds.
3. The label referred to in paragraph 2 shall be coloured buff.

#### PART 3

##### Labelling of packages of officially certified pre-basic seed

4. The package shall be labelled, not later than the time of sealing, on the outside with an official label which has not previously been used containing the following particulars—
  - (a) the name of the certification authority and member State or their commonly used initials;
  - (b) the reference number of the seed lot;
  - (c) the month and year of sealing or the month and year of the last official sampling for the purposes of certification, expressed respectively as follows—
    - (i) by the word “Sealed” followed by the month and year of sealing, or
    - (ii) by the word “Sampled” followed by the month and year of official sampling;
  - (d) the species, indicated at least under its botanical name, which may be given in abridged form and without the author’s name, in Roman characters;
  - (e) the variety, indicated at least in Roman characters;
  - (f) the description “pre-basic seed”;

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- (g) the number of generations by which the seed precedes CS seed or C1 seed;
  - (h) the country of production;
  - (i) the declared net or gross weight or declared number of seeds; and
  - (j) where weight is indicated and granulated pesticides, pelleting substances or other solid additives are used, the nature of the additive and also the approximate ratio between the weight of pure seeds and the total weight.
5. The label referred to in paragraph 4 shall be coloured white with a diagonal violet line.
6. The minimum size of the label referred to in paragraph 4 shall be 110 mm x 67 mm.
7. The label referred to in paragraph 4—
- (a) shall be—
    - (i) an adhesive label, or
    - (ii) a label secured to the package by a sealing device approved by the Secretary of State, the Scottish Ministers, or the National Assembly for Wales and
  - (b) shall be fixed to the package by—
    - (i) an authorised officer or any person being supervised by such a person, or
    - (ii) a licensed seed sampler or any person being supervised by such a person.

## PART 4

### Labelling of packages of officially certified basic, CS, C1, C2 and C3 seed

#### **Official label for a package of officially certified basic, CS, C1, C2 and C3 seed**

8. The package shall be labelled, not later than the time of sealing, on the outside with an official label which has not previously been used containing the following particulars—
- (a) the words “EC rules and standards”;
  - (b) the name of the certifying authority and member State or their commonly used initials;
  - (c) the reference number of the lot;
  - (d) the month and year of sealing or the month and year of the last official sampling for the purposes of certification, expressed respectively as follows—
    - (i) by the word “Sealed” followed by the month and year of sealing, or
    - (ii) by the word “Sampled” followed by the month and year of last official sampling for the purposes of certification;
  - (e) the species, indicated at least under its botanical name, which may be given in abridged form and without the author’s name, in Roman characters;
  - (f) the variety, indicated at least in Roman characters;
  - (g) the category;
  - (h) the country of production;
  - (i) the declared net or gross weight;
  - (j) where weight is indicated and granulated pesticides, pelleting substances or other solid additives are used, the nature of the additive and also the approximate ratio between the weight of pure seeds and the total weight;

- (k) in the case of basic seed which is a component of a hybrid variety, where the component has been officially accept on a National List or the Common Catalogue, the name under which it has been officially accepted, with or without a reference to the hybrid variety, accompanied, in the case of a component intended solely as a component of a hybrid variety, by the word “component”;
  - (l) in the case of basic seed which is a component of a hybrid variety where the component has not been officially accept on a National List or the Common Catalogue, the name of the component, which may be given in code form, accompanied by a reference to the hybrid variety, with or without reference to its function (male or female) and accompanied by the word “component”;
  - (m) in the case of CS seed which is a hybrid, the name of the variety to which the seed belongs, accompanied by the word “hybrid”; and
  - (n) in the case of officially certified CS seed that is intended to be used as a component of a varietal association, a reference to its function (male or female), accompanied by the word “component” and the name of the final varietal association.
9. Where at least germination has been retested, the words “retested” followed by the month and year of retesting and the service responsible for such retesting may be indicated on the official label referred to in paragraph 8 or on an official sticker attached to the official label.
10. The minimum size of the label referred to in paragraph 8 shall be 110 mm x 67 mm.
11. The label referred to in paragraph 8 shall be coloured—
- (a) white for basic seed;
  - (b) blue for CS and C1 seed; and
  - (c) red for C2 and C3 seed.
12. The label referred to in paragraph 8—
- (a) shall be—
    - (i) an adhesive label, or
    - (ii) a label secured to the package by a sealing device approved by the Department, the Secretary of State, the Scottish Ministers, or the National Assembly for Wales and
  - (b) shall be fixed to the package by—
    - (i) an authorised officer or any person being supervised by such a person, or
    - (ii) a licensed seed sampler or any person being supervised by such a person.

**Supplier’s label for a small package of officially certified basic, CS, C1, C2 or C3 seed**

13. The package shall be labelled not later than the time of sealing—
- (a) Subject to paragraph 14, on the outside;
  - (b) with a label, printed notice or stamp containing the following information—
    - (i) “EC rules and standards”;
    - (ii) the name and address of the supplier responsible for fixing the label or his registration number;
    - (iii) the reference number of the lot;
    - (iv) the species;
    - (v) the variety;
    - (vi) the category;

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(vii) the declared net weight or declared number of seeds except in the case of packages not exceeding 15 grams net weight.

14. If the packaging material is transparent the label, notice or stamp referred to in paragraph 13 may be placed inside the package provided it can be read through the packaging.

15. The label referred to in paragraph 13 shall be coloured—

- (a) white for basic seed;
- (b) blue for CS and C1 seed; and
- (c) red for C2 and C3 seed.

## PART 5

### Labelling of packages of officially certified commercial seed

#### **Official label for a package of officially certified commercial seed**

16. The package shall be labelled, not later than the time of sealing, on the outside with an official label which has not previously been used containing the following particulars—

- (a) the words “EC rules and standards”;
- (b) the words “Commercial seed (not certified as to variety)”;
- (c) the name of the certifying authority and member State or their commonly used initials;
- (d) the reference number of the seed lot;
- (e) the month and year of sealing or the month and year of the last official sampling for the purposes of certification, expressed respectively as follows—
  - (i) by the word “Sealed” followed by the month and year of sealing, or
  - (ii) by the word “Sampled” followed by the month and year of last official sampling for the purposes of certification;
- (f) the species, indicated at least under its botanical name, which may be given in abridged form and without the author’s name, in Roman characters;
- (g) the country of production or region of production within a country;
- (h) the declared net or gross weight; and
- (i) where weight is indicated and granulated pesticides, pelleting substances or other solid additives are used, the nature of the additive and also the approximate ratio between the weight of pure seeds and the total weight;

17. Where at least germination has been retested, the words “retested” followed by the month and year of retesting and the service responsible for such retesting may be indicated on the official label referred to in paragraph 16 or on an official sticker attached to the official label.

18. The minimum size of the label referred to in paragraph 16 shall be 110 mm x 67 mm.

19. The label referred to in paragraph 16 shall be coloured brown.

20. The label referred to in paragraph 16—

- (a) shall be—
  - (i) an adhesive label, or
  - (ii) a label secured to the package by a sealing device approved by the Secretary of State, the Scottish Ministers, or the National Assembly for Wales and

- (b) shall be fixed to the package by—
  - (i) an authorised officer or any person being supervised by such a person, or
  - (ii) a licensed seed sampler or any person being supervised by such a person.

**Label for a small package of officially certified commercial seed**

- 21. The package shall be labelled, not later than the time of sealing—
  - (a) subject to paragraph 22, on the outside;
  - (b) with a label, printed notice or stamp containing the following information—
    - (i) the words “EC rules and standards”;
    - (ii) the name and address of the supplier responsible for fixing the label or his registration number;
    - (iii) the reference number of the seed lot;
    - (iv) the species;
    - (v) the words “Commercial seed (not certified as to variety)”;
    - (vi) the declared weight or declared number of seeds except in the case of packages not exceeding 15 grams net weight.
- 22. If the packaging material is transparent the label, notice or stamp referred to in paragraph 21 may be placed inside the package provided it can be read through the packaging.
- 23. The label, notice or stamp referred to in paragraph 21 shall be coloured brown.

## PART 6

### Labelling of packages of a varietal association of seeds

- 24. The package shall be labelled, not later than the time of sealing, on the outside with an official label which has not previously been used containing the following particulars—
  - (a) the words “EC rules and standards”;
  - (b) the name of the certifying authority and member State or their commonly used initials;
  - (c) the reference number of the seed lot;
  - (d) the month and year of sealing expressed by the word “Sealed” followed by the month and year of sealing;
  - (e) the species, indicated at least under its botanical name, which may be given in abridged form and without the author’s name, in Roman characters;
  - (f) the words “varietal association” followed by its name;
  - (g) the category;
  - (h) the country of production;
  - (i) the declared net or gross weight or declared number of pure seed;
  - (j) where weight is indicated and granulated pesticides, pelleting substances or other solid additives are used, the nature of the additive and also the approximate ratio between the weight of pure seeds and the total weight;
  - (k) the percentages by weight of the various components in the varietal association shown by variety unless this has been notified to the purchaser on request and notified to the

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Department, the Secretary of State, the Scottish Ministers, or the National Assembly for Wales.

25. Where at least germination has been retested, the words “retested” followed by the month and year of retesting and the service responsible for such retesting may be indicated on the official label referred to in paragraph 24 or on an official sticker attached to the official label.

26. The minimum size of the label referred to in paragraph 24 shall be 110 mm x 67 mm.

27. The label referred to in paragraph 24 shall be coloured blue with a diagonal green line.

28. The label referred to in paragraph 24—

(a) shall be—

(i) an adhesive label, or

(ii) a label secured to the package by a sealing device approved by the Secretary of State, the Scottish Ministers, or the National Assembly for Wales and

(b) shall be fixed to the package by—

(i) an authorised officer or any person being supervised by such a person, or

(ii) a licensed seed sampler or any person being supervised by such a person.

## PART 7

### Printing of specified matters on packages (whole bag labelling)

#### **Seed which has not been imported**

29. The printing or stamping of the packages shall be under the supervision of the Department.

30. Each package shall have printed or stamped on it, or be perforated with, an individual serial number allocated by the Department, which shall appear in the same panel as the particulars of the matters specified in paragraph 8.

31. Arrangements shall be made with the printers for returns to be made to the Department of the number of packages printed or stamped pursuant to regulation 26(18) and of the individual serial numbers of such packages.

32. The reference number of the seed lot and the month and year in which the package was officially sealed shall be printed or stamped under the supervision of an authorised officer or a licensed seed sampler at the time of sampling for official examination.

33. There shall be kept such records of seed packaged and marketed pursuant to regulation 26(18) as may be required by the Department.

34. Each package of seed marketed in accordance with regulation 26(18) shall be capable of having affixed to it, in a manner approved by the Department, a label containing a statement pursuant to regulation 17.

#### **Seed imported from another Member State**

35. Such requirements of the member State from which the seed has been imported as correspond to the requirements specified in this Part for seed which has not been imported shall, in the opinion of the Department, have been satisfied.

## PART 8

### Labelling of packages of test and trial seed

#### **Official label for a package of test and trial seed**

36. The package shall be labelled, not later than the time of sealing, on the outside with an official label which has not previously been used containing the following particulars—

- (a) the name of the certifying authority and member State or their distinguishing abbreviations;
- (b) the reference number of the lot;
- (c) the month and year of sealing;
- (d) the species;
- (e) the denomination of the variety under which the seed is to be marketed (which may be the breeder's reference, the proposed denomination or the approved denomination) and the official application number for listing the variety, if any;
- (f) the statements "variety not yet officially listed" and "for tests and trials only";
- (g) the declared net or gross weight or declared number of pure seeds or, where applicable, clusters; and
- (h) where weight is indicated and granulated pesticides, pelleting substances or other solid additives are used, the nature of the additive and the approximate ratio between the weight of pure seeds or, where applicable, clusters and the total weight.

37. The label referred to in paragraph 36 shall be coloured orange.

38. The label referred to in paragraph 36 shall be—

- (a) adhesive; and
- (b) affixed to the package by—
  - (i) an authorised officer or any person being supervised by such a person; or
  - (ii) a licensed seed sampler or any person being supervised by such a person

## PART 9

### Labelling of packages of seed of a conservation variety

#### **Supplier's label or notice for a package of seed of a conservation variety**

39.—(1) The package must be labelled, not later than the time of sealing, on the outside with a supplier's label, or a printed or stamped notice, containing the following particulars—

- (a) the words "EC rules and standards";
- (b) the name and address, or the registration number, of the person responsible for affixing the label or notice;
- (c) the year of sealing, or the year of last sampling for the purposes of the last testing of germination, expressed by the word "sealed" or "sampled" (as the case may be), followed by the year in question;
- (d) the species;
- (e) the denomination of the conservation variety;

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- (f) the words “conservation variety”;
  - (g) the region of origin;
  - (h) where the region of seed production is different from the region of origin, the indication of the region of seed production;
  - (i) the reference number of the lot given by the person responsible for affixing the label;
  - (j) the declared net or gross weight or declared number of seeds; and
  - (k) where weight is indicated and granulated pesticides, pelleting substances or other solid additives are used, the nature of the chemical treatment or additive and the approximate ratio between the weight of clusters of pure seeds and the total weight.
- (2) The label or notice must be coloured brown.