1993 No. 1878

SEEDS

The Seed Potatoes (Amendment) Regulations 1993

Made	19th July 1993
Laid before Parliament	30th July 1993
Coming into force	20th August 1993

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, the Secretary of State for Scotland and the Secretary of State for Wales, acting jointly, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by sections 16(1), (3) and (8) and 36 of the Plant Varieties and Seeds Act 1964((1)) and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, after consultation in accordance with section 16(1) with representatives of such interests as appear to them to be concerned, hereby make the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Seed Potatoes (Amendment) Regulations 1993 and shall come into force on 20th August 1993.

Amendment of the Seed Potatoes Regulations 1991

2. -

(1) The Seed Potatoes Regulations 1991((2)) shall be amended in accordance with the following provisions of this regulation.

(2) In paragraph 6(2)(d) of Part III of Schedule 1, (classification of certified seed potatoes) in column 1 of the Table (diseases) the words "(including tobacco veinal necrosis virus infection)" shall be deleted.

(3) In paragraph 2 of Schedule 3 (classification of basic seed potatoes), in column 3 (tolerances)-

- (a) opposite the entry relating to Class Elite 1 (E1), for paragraphs (ii) and (iii) there shall be substituted the following paragraph:-
 - "(ii) total virus disease (leafroll, severe mosaic and mild mosaic)-0.5% of which not more than 0.1% (in total) shall be of leafroll and severe mosaic.";

^{(1) 1964} c. 14; see section 38(1) (as amended by S.I.1978/272) for the definition of "the Ministers"; section 16 was amended by the European Communities Act 1972 (c. 68), section 4(1) and paragraphs 5(1), (2) and (3) of Schedule 4 and by S.I. 1977/1112; section 16 is applied to seed potatoes by section 29(1); section 29 was amended by the European Communities Act 1972, section 4(1) and paragraph 5(4) of Schedule 4 and by S.I. 1977/1112.

⁽²⁾ S.I. 1991/2206; amended by S.I. 1992/1031.

- (b) opposite the entry relating to Class AA for paragraphs (i) to (iv) there shall be substituted the following paragraphs:-
 - "(i) deviations from variety and type and groundkeepers–0.1%;
 - (ii) total virus disease (leafroll, severe mosaic and mild mosaic)–1.0%, of which not more than 0.25% (in total) shall be of leafroll and severe mosaic;
 - (iii) blackleg-1%".

In witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 19th July 1993.

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Gillian Shephard Minister of State, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food

Hector Monro Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Scottish Office

6th July 1993

11th July 1993

John Redwood Secretary of State for Wales

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations further amend the Seed Potatoes Regulations 1991.

They modify the tolerance for tobacco veinal necrosis virus infection in crops inspected with a view to classification as certified seed potatoes. The infection will no longer be separately identified and the tolerances for such infection will be determined by symptom expression (regulation 2(2)).

They also modify the tolerances for leafroll, severe mosaic and mild mosaic infection in crops inspected with a view to classification as basic seed potatoes. These diseases will no longer be separately identified in the tolerances (regulation 2(3)(a)). They also correct a drafting error in the tolerance for deviations from variety and type and groundkeepers in relation to Class AA seed potatoes specified in paragraph 2 of Schedule 3 to the 1991 Regulations (regulation 2(3)(b)).