
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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The Seed Marketing Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016

PART 2

Categories of seed

Seed to which these Regulations apply

4.—(1) These Regulations apply in relation to seed of the plants in the first column of the table in Schedule 1 intended to be used for agricultural or horticultural production, but do not apply in relation to seed intended to be used for ornamental plants.

(2) They do not apply in relation to seed intended for export outside the European Union.

Categories of seed

5. Seed is divided into the following categories, commonly known by the abbreviations given—

- (a) breeder's seed ("BR");
- (b) pre-basic seed ("PB");
- (c) basic seed ("BS");
- (d) certified seed ("CS");
- (e) certified seed, first generation ("C1");
- (f) certified seed, second generation ("C2");
- (g) certified seed, third generation ("C3");
- (h) commercial seed ("CM");
- (i) standard seed (vegetables only) ("ST");
- (j) seed of a higher voluntary standard ("HVS").

Breeder's seed

6. Breeder's seed is seed produced by or under the responsibility of the breeder and intended for the production of pre-basic or basic seed.

Maintainers for pre-basic and basic seed

7. Pre-basic seed and basic seed may only be produced with the written authorisation of the person listed as the maintainer of that seed in the National List or the Common Catalogue.