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The Seed Potatoes (Scotland) Regulations 2015

PART III

CERTIFICATION AND GRADING

Certification and grading

8.—(1) In relation to seed potatoes produced in Scotland, an authorised officer may issue a crop inspection report to certify seed potatoes as being—

- (a) pre-basic seed potatoes;
- (b) basic seed potatoes; or
- (c) test and trial seed potatoes.

(2) When issuing a crop inspection report to certify seed potatoes as either pre-basic seed potatoes or basic seed potatoes, the authorised officer must also determine—

- (a) the applicable Union grade for the seed potatoes, having regard to the list of grades set out in order in Tables I and II in Schedule 2, where Union grade PBTC is the highest grade which may be determined for pre-basic seed potatoes and Union grade S is the highest grade which may be determined for basic seed potatoes; and
- (b) where appropriate, the field generation of the seed potatoes.

(3) An application for certification under paragraph (1) must be made to the Scottish Ministers in such form and manner and must include such information as they may require.

(4) Schedules 1 and 2 apply to the issue of a crop inspection report and to the determination of the applicable Union grade.

Official examinations to be performed prior to marketing

9. For crops of seed potatoes which have been certified under regulation 8(1), an authorised officer must undertake an official examination of lots of seed potatoes derived from that crop to determine whether the seed potatoes exceed any of the applicable tolerances for diseases, pests, damage or defects specified in Schedule 6.