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SCHEDULE 1

CLASSIFICATION OF SEED POTATOES

PART II

4. No basic seed potatoes certificate shall be issued by an authorised officer unless he is satisfied that–

- (a) (i) the land on which the seed potatoes are growing or were grown is land in respect of which a certificate issued under article 32(1) of the Plant Health (Great Britain) Order 1987 was in force at the time of the planting of the crop; and if potato cyst nematode has been found on that land at any time during the period of twelve years immediately preceding the planting of the crop that–
 - (aa) six years have elapsed since the last positive finding; and
 - (bb) except under a licence issued under article 42 of the said Order, the land has not been used for growing potatoes at any time during a period of eleven years immediately preceding the planting of the crop; and
 - (ii) the land on which the seed potatoes are growing or were grown is land which has not been used for growing potatoes at any time during the period, in the case of a crop classified VTSC, of seven years, and in the case of all other crops, of five years, immediately preceding the planting of the crop;
- (b) in the case of seed potatoes grown within the protected region only basic seed potatoes permitted to be planted within the protected region in accordance with article 22(3) of the Plant Health (Great Britain) Order 1987, are or were grown in the same agricultural unit in the same year in which the seed potatoes were grown;
- (c) the seed potatoes have been produced from-
 - (i) basic or pre-basic seed potatoes; or
 - (ii) a crop grown with the authority of or in circumstances notified in writing as being acceptable to the Minister; or
 - (iii) seed potatoes grown elsewhere than in Great Britain and in respect of which an examination notified in writing as being acceptable to the Minister has been carried out;
- (d) the seed potatoes in any one crop are of a single variety;
- (e) the seed potatoes are taken from a crop which is free from the following diseases or pests:-

Wart Disease (*Synchytrium endobioticum* (Schilb.) Perc.)

Potato Cyst Nematode, (Globodera species infesting potatoes)

Ring Rot (*Clavibacter michiganensis* (Smith) Davis et al. ssp. *sepedonicus* (Spieck. & Kotth.) Davis et al.)

Brown Rot (Pseudomonas solanacearum (E. F. Smith) Jensen)

Potato Tuber Moth (Phthorimaea operculella (Zell.))

Potato Spindle Tuber Viroid

Colorado Beetle (Leptinotarsa decemlineata (Say))

Potato Tuber Eelworm (Ditylenchus destructor (Thorne))

(f) the seed potatoes are taken from a crop which has been classified in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 3 and in which the presence of diseased potato plants and deviations

from variety and type (rogues, undesirable variations, wildings and bolters) and ground-keepers is ascertained not to exceed the tolerances specified (in relation to the classes described) in Schedule 3.

5. Seed potatoes shall not be classified as basic seed potatoes unless the immediately succeeding crop produced therefrom is likely to contain–

- (a) not more than 0.25% by number of growing plants which deviate from variety and type of which not more than 0.1% shall deviate from variety; and
- (b) not more than 4% by number of growing plants which show symptoms of either severe or mild virus diseases attributable to infection in the mother crop.