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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**SEEDS, ENGLAND**

**The Vegetable Seed (England) Regulations 2002**

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**THE VEGETABLE SEED (ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2002**

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1. Pre-basic seed
2. UK officially certified pre-basic seed of a listed variety
3. EC officially certified pre-basic seed of a listed variety
4. Overseas tested officially certified pre-basic seed of a listed variety
5. UK officially certified early movement pre-basic seed of a listed variety
6. EC officially certified early movement pre-basic seed of a listed variety
7. Officially certified pre-basic seed

##### PART II — MEANING OF BASIC SEED AND SIMILAR EXPRESSIONS

8. Basic seed
9. UK officially certified basic seed of a listed variety
10. EC officially certified basic seed of a listed variety
11. Overseas tested officially certified basic seed of a listed variety
12. UK officially certified early movement basic seed of a listed variety
13. EC officially certified early movement basic seed of a listed variety
14. UK officially certified basic seed of a component of a listed hybrid variety
15. EC officially certified basic seed of a component of a listed hybrid variety
16. Overseas tested officially certified basic seed of a component of a listed hybrid variety
17. UK officially certified early movement basic seed of a component of a listed hybrid variety
18. EC officially certified early movement basic seed of a component of a listed hybrid variety
19. Officially certified basic seed

##### PART III — MEANING OF CS SEED AND SIMILAR EXPRESSIONS

20. CS seed
21. UK officially certified CS seed of a listed variety

22. EC officially certified CS seed of a listed variety
23. Overseas tested officially certified CS seed of a listed variety
24. UK officially certified early movement CS seed of a listed variety
25. EC officially certified early movement CS seed of a listed variety
26. Officially certified CS seed
27. Early multiplication
- PART IV — MEANING OF STANDARD SEED
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29. Not finally certified pre-basic seed harvested in another member State
30. Not finally certified basic seed harvested in another member State
31. Not finally certified CS seed harvested in another member State

#### SCHEDULE 2 — SPECIES OF SEED TO WHICH THESE REGULATIONS APPLY

1. Asparagus.
2. The following species of beans — (a) broad bean;
3. Beetroot (also known as red beet).
4. Brussels sprouts.
5. The following species of cabbage — (a) red cabbage;
6. Carrot.
7. Cauliflower.
8. Celery.
9. Chard and spinach beet.
10. Chinese cabbage.
11. Cucumber and gherkin.
12. Curly kale.
13. Endive.
14. Gourd.
15. Kohlrabi.
16. Larged-leave chicory (also known as Italian chicory) and Witloof chicory....
17. Leek.
18. Lettuce.
19. Marrow.
20. Melon.
21. Onion.
22. Parsley.
23. Pea other than field pea.
24. Radish.
25. Spinach.
26. Sprouting broccoli (also known as calabrese).
27. Tomato.
28. Turnip.

#### SCHEDULE 3 — CONDITIONS RELATING TO CROPS FROM WHICH SEED IS TO BE HARVESTED

1. The crop shall have sufficient varietal identity and varietal purity....
2. (1) Subject to paragraph 3, the crop shall conform to...
3. Paragraph 2 shall not apply if there is sufficient protection...
4. Diseases and harmful organisms which reduce the usefulness of the...
5. (1) A crop from which basic or CS seed is...
6. For the purpose of determining whether a crop from which...

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SCHEDULE 4 — CONDITIONS TO BE SATISFIED BY THE SEED

PART I — CONDITIONS TO BE EXAMINED MAINLY BY FIELD  
INSPECTIONS

1. The seed shall have sufficient varietal identity and varietal purity....
2. In the case of seed of turnips the minimum varietal...  
PART II — CONDITIONS TO BE EXAMINED BY SEED TESTING
3. The seed shall conform to the following standards or other...
4. (1) It shall be determined, by way of a germination...
5. The seed shall not be contaminated by live Acarina (commonly...
6. Seed of broad beans, French beans, runner beans and peas...  
PART III — OTHER CONDITIONS
7. Diseases and harmful organisms which reduce the usefulness of the...  
PART IV — GENERAL PROVISIONS
8. For the purpose of determining whether seed meets the conditions...

SCHEDULE 5 — RE-GRADING OF SEED

SCHEDULE 6 — CATEGORIES OF SEED THAT MAY BE MARKETED

1. Breeder's seed
2. Pre-basic seed of a listed variety
3. EC officially certified pre-basic seed of a listed variety.
4. Overseas tested officially certified pre-basic seed of a listed variety....
5. Basic seed of a listed variety
6. EC officially certified basic seed of a listed variety.
7. Overseas tested officially certified basic seed of a listed variety....
8. CS seed of a listed variety
9. EC officially certified CS seed of a listed variety.
10. Overseas tested officially certified CS seed of a listed variety....
11. Early movement pre-basic seed of a listed variety
12. EC officially certified early movement pre-basic seed of a listed...
13. Early movement basic seed of a listed variety
14. EC officially certified early movement basic seed of a listed...
15. Early movement CS seed of a listed variety
16. EC officially certified early movement CS seed of a listed...
17. Basic seed of a component of a listed hybrid variety
18. EC officially certified basic seed of a component of a...
19. Overseas tested officially certified basic seed of a component of...
20. Early movement basic seed of a component of a listed hybrid variety
21. EC officially certified early movement basic seed of a component...
22. Standard seed

SCHEDULE 7 — LOT AND SAMPLE WEIGHTS

SCHEDULE 8 — LABELLING

PART I — PARTICULARS TO BE MARKED OR DISPLAYED ON THE  
SALE OF UNPACKAGED SEED (LOOSE SALES)

1. The following particulars shall be given —  
PART II — LABELLING OF PACKAGES OF BREEDER'S SEED
2. Subject to paragraph 31, the package shall be labelled, not...
3. The label referred to in paragraph 2 shall be coloured...  
PART III — LABELLING OF PACKAGES OF OFFICIALLY CERTIFIED  
PRE-BASIC SEED
4. Official label for a package of officially certified pre-basic seed

5. Subject to paragraph 32, a reference to any maintenance of...
6. The label referred to in paragraph 4 shall be coloured...
7. The minimum size of the label referred to in paragraph...
8. The label referred to in paragraph 4—  
PART IV — LABELLING OF PACKAGES OF OFFICIALLY CERTIFIED  
BASIC AND CS SEED
9. Official label for a package of officially certified basic or CS seed
10. Where at least germination has been retested, the words “retested”...
11. Subject to paragraph 32, a reference to any maintenance of...
12. The minimum size of the label referred to in paragraph...
13. The label referred to in paragraph 9 shall be coloured...
14. The label referred to in paragraph 9—
15. Supplier’s label for a small package of officially certified CS seed
16. Subject to paragraph 32, a reference to any maintenance of...
17. The label, notice or stamp referred to in paragraph 15...  
PART V — LABELLING OF PACKAGES OF STANDARD SEED
18. Supplier’s label for a package of standard seed other than a small package  
of such seed
19. Subject to paragraph 32, a reference to any maintenance of...
20. The minimum size of the label referred to in paragraph...
21. The label referred to in paragraph 18 shall be coloured...
22. The label referred to in paragraph 18 shall be fixed...
23. Supplier’s label for a small package of standard seed other than a mixture
24. Subject to paragraph 32, a reference to any maintenance of...
25. The label referred to in paragraph 23 shall be coloured...
26. The label referred to in paragraph 23 shall be fixed...
27. Supplier’s label for a small package of a mixture of standard seed
28. Subject to paragraph 32, a reference to any maintenance of...
29. The label referred to in paragraph 27 shall be coloured...
30. The label referred to in paragraph 27 shall be fixed...  
PART VI — GENERAL PROVISIONS
31. If the packaging material is transparent the label, printed notice...
32. (1) A reference to the maintenance of a variety shall...

#### SCHEDULE 9 — LIMITS OF VARIATION

#### SCHEDULE 10 — INDEX OF WORDS AND EXPRESSIONS USED IN THESE REGULATIONS

Explanatory Note