SCHEDULE 8

LABELLING

PART V

Labelling of packages of officially certified commercial seed

Official label for a package of officially certified commercial seed

- 17. The package shall be labelled, not later than the time of sealing, on the outside with an official label which has not previously been used containing the following particulars
 - (a) the words "EC rules and standards";
 - (b) the words "Commercial seed (not certified as to variety)";
 - (c) the name of the certifying authority and member State or their commonly used initials;
 - (d) the reference number of the seed lot;
 - (e) the month and year of sealing or the month and year of the last official sampling for the purposes of certification, expressed respectively as follows
 - (i) by the word "Sealed" followed by the month and year of sealing, or
 - (ii) by the word "Sampled" followed by the month and year of last official sampling for the purposes of certification;
 - (f) the species, indicated at least under its botanical name, which may be given in abridged form and without the author's name, in Roman characters;
 - (g) the country of production or region of production within a country;
 - (h) the declared net or gross weight or the declared number of pure seeds; and
 - (i) where weight is indicated and granulated pesticides, pelleting substances or other solid additives are used, the nature of the additives and also the approximate ratio between the weight of pure seeds and the total weight.
- **18.** Where at least germination has been retested, the words "retested" followed by the month and year of retesting and the authority responsible for such retesting may be indicated on the official label referred to in paragraph 17 or on an official sticker attached to the official label.
 - **19.** The minimum size of the label referred to in paragraph 17 shall be 110 mm x 67 mm.
 - **20.** The label referred to in paragraph 17 shall be coloured brown.
 - **21.** The label referred to in paragraph 17
 - (a) shall be
 - (i) an adhesive label, or
 - (ii) a label secured to the package by a sealing device approved by the National Assembly for Wales, the Secretary of State, the Scottish Ministers or the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, and
 - (b) shall be fixed to the package by
 - (i) an authorised officer or any person being supervised by such a person, or
 - (ii) a licensed seed sampler or any person being supervised by such a person.

Label for a small EC B package of officially certified commercial seed

- 22. The package shall be labelled not later than the time of sealing
 - (a) subject to paragraph 23, on the outside;
 - (b) with a label, a printed notice or stamp containing the following information
 - (i) the words "small EC 'B' package";
 - (ii) the name and address of the supplier responsible for marking or his registration number or identification mark;
 - (iii) the officially assigned serial number;
 - (iv) the authority which assigned the serial number and the name of the member State or their commonly used initials;
 - (v) the reference number of the seed lot from which the seed in the package has been taken if the serial number does not enable the lot to be identified;
 - (vi) the species, indicated at least in Roman characters;
 - (vii) the words "commercial seed";
 - (viii) the net or gross weight or number of pure seeds; and
 - (ix) where weight is indicated and granulated pesticides, pelleting substances or other solid additives are used, the nature of the additives and also the approximate ratio between the weight of pure seeds and the total weight.
- **23.** If the packaging material is transparent the label, notice or stamp referred to in paragraph 22 may be placed inside the package provided it can be read through the packaging.
 - **24.** The label, notice or stamp referred to in paragraph 22 shall be coloured brown.