

Council Directive 2002/56/EC of 13 June 2002 on the marketing of seed potatoes

*Article 12*

1 Member States shall require that packages and containers of basic seed potatoes and certified potatoes be sealed officially or under official supervision in such a manner that they cannot be opened without damaging the system of sealing or leaving evidence of tampering on either the official label provided for in Article 13(1) or the package.

In order to ensure closure, the sealing system shall comprise at least either the official label or the affixing of an official seal.

The measures provided for in the second subparagraph above shall not be necessary where a non-reusable sealing system is used.

In accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 25(2) it may be established whether a particular sealing system complies with the provisions of this paragraph.

2 Packages and containers which have been officially sealed shall not be resealed, whether one or more times, except officially or under official supervision. If packages are resealed, the fact of resealing, the most recent date of resealing and the authority responsible therefor shall be stated on the label required under Article 13(1).

3 Member States may provide for exceptions to paragraph 1 in the case of small packages sealed in their own territory. Conditions relating to these exceptions may be determined in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 25(2).