

SCHEDULE 3

Labelling and loose sales

PART 4

Supplier's labels

Meaning of “supplier's label”

14. A supplier's label is a label that has not been provided by, or on behalf of, the Department.

Labelling a package

15. A supplier's label must either be affixed to the package in the same way as an official label or printed indelibly on the package.

References to weights in this Part

16. In this Part references to the weight excludes any granulated pesticides, pelleting substances or other solid additives.

Breeder's seed: supplier's labels

17.—(1) The following must appear on a supplier's label on a package of breeder's seed—

- (a) the name and address or identification number of the supplier responsible for affixing the label;
- (b) the reference number of the seed lot;
- (c) the species;
- (d) the variety;
- (e) the words “breeder's seed”;
- (f) the declared net or gross weight or number of seeds.

(2) The label must be buff coloured.

Beet seed: supplier's labels

18.—(1) A supplier's label may be used on a small package of beet seed.

(2) A small package of beet seed (known as a “small ^{F1}... package”) is a package that—

- (a) in the case of basic and certified beet seed of precision or monogerm varieties, either weighs not more than 2.5 kilograms or consists of not more than 100,000 clusters;
- (b) for all other beet seed, weighs not more than 10 kilograms.

(3) The label must be the same colour as the official label for that category of seed.

(4) The following must appear on the label—

- (a) the words “small ^{F2}... package”;
- (b) the name and address or identification number of the person affixing the label;
- (c) the officially assigned serial number;

- (d) the service that assigned the serial number and name or initials of the [^{F3}country of production];
- (e) the reference number if the official serial number does not enable the lot to be identified;
- (f) the species;
- (g) either sugar beet or fodder beet as appropriate;
- (h) the variety;
- (i) the category;
- (j) the declared net or gross weight or number of clusters or pure seeds;
- (k) where the weight is indicated and granulated pesticides, pelleting substances or other solid additives are used, the nature of the additive and the approximate ratio between the weight of the clusters or pure seeds and the total weight;
- (l) either “monogerm” or “precision” as appropriate.

- F1** Word in Sch. 3 para. 18(2) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Marketing of Seeds and Plant Propagating Material \(Amendment\) \(Northern Ireland\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/211\)](#), regs. 1(1), **51(f)(i)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F2** Word in Sch. 3 para. 18(4)(a) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Marketing of Seeds and Plant Propagating Material \(Amendment\) \(Northern Ireland\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/211\)](#), regs. 1(1), **51(f)(ii)(aa)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F3** Words in Sch. 3 para. 18(4)(d) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Marketing of Seeds and Plant Propagating Material \(Amendment\) \(Northern Ireland\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/211\)](#), regs. 1(1), **51(f)(ii)(bb)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

Cereal seed: supplier's label

- 19.—(1) A supplier's label may be used on a small package of cereal seed.
- (2) A small package of cereal seed is a package of any certified seed, or any mixture of certified seed not exceeding 15 kilograms.
- (3) The label must be the same colour as the official label for that category of seed.
- (4) The following must appear on the label—
- (a) the words “[^{F4}UK] rules and standards”;
 - (b) the name and address or identification number of the supplier responsible for affixing the label;
 - (c) the reference number of the seed lot;
 - (d) the species;
 - (e) the variety;
 - (f) the category;
 - (g) the declared net weight or declared number of seeds;
 - (h) for hybrid varieties of maize, the word “hybrid”;
 - (i) in the case of C1 and C2 seed of naked barley, the words “minimum germination capacity 75%”.

F4 Word in Sch. 3 para. 19(4)(a) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Marketing of Seeds and Plant Propagating Material (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/211), regs. 1(1), **51(g)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

Fodder seed (agricultural or amenity): packages that may be labelled with a supplier's label

20.—(1) A supplier's label may be used on a small package of fodder seed, either agricultural or amenity (including a mixture of fodder seed).

(2) A small package of fodder seed is either a small [^{F5}UK] “A” package or a small [^{F5}UK] “B” package.

(3) A small [^{F5}UK] “A” package is a package containing a mixture of seed not intended for the production of fodder plants, with a net weight not exceeding 2 kilograms.

(4) A small [^{F5}UK] “B” package is a package containing—

- (a) basic seed;
- (b) certified seed (CS, C1 or C2);
- (c) commercial seed; or
- (d) (unless the package is a small [^{F5}UK] “A” package) a mixture of seed,

with a net weight not exceeding 10 kilograms.

F5 Word in Sch. 3 para. 20 substituted (31.12.2020) by The Seed Marketing and Fertilisers (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020 (S.R. 2020/319), regs. 1, **3(g)(vi)**

Fodder seed other than a mixture: labelling requirements

21.—(1) A supplier's label on a small package of fodder seed (other than a mixture, for which see paragraph 22) must be the same colour as the official label for that category of seed.

(2) The following must appear on the label—

- (a) the words “small [^{F6}UK] “B” package”;
- (b) the name and address or identification number of the person affixing the label;
- (c) the officially assigned serial number;
- (d) the service which assigned the serial number and name of the [^{F7}country] or their initials;
- (e) the reference number if the serial number does not enable the seed lot to be identified;
- (f) the species;
- (g) the net or gross weight of pure seed or the number of pure seeds;
- (h) where the weight is indicated and granulated pesticides, pelleting substances or other solid additives are used, the nature of the additive and the approximate ratio between the weight of the seed and the total weight;
- (i) in the case of certified seed—
 - (i) the variety;
 - (ii) the category;
 - (iii) for grass seed of a variety for which an examination of its value for cultivation and use is not required the words “not intended for the production of fodder plants”;
- (j) in the case of commercial seed the words “commercial seed”.

- F6** Word in Sch. 3 para. 21 substituted (31.12.2020) by The Seed Marketing and Fertilisers (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020 (S.R. 2020/319), regs. 1, **3(g)(vi)**
- F7** Word in Sch. 3 para. 21(2)(d) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Seed Marketing and Fertilisers (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020 (S.R. 2020/319), regs. 1, **3(g)(vii)**

Fodder seed mixture: labelling requirements

22.—(1) A supplier's label on a small package of a mixture of fodder seed must be the same colour as the official label for that category of seed.

(2) The following must appear on the label—

- (a) the words small “[^{F8}UK] “A” package or “small [^{F8}UK] “B” package” as appropriate;
- (b) the name and address or identification number of the person affixing the label;
- (c) for a small [^{F8}UK] “A” package—
 - (i) the reference number enabling the seed lots used in the mixture to be identified; and
 - (ii) the name or initials of the [^{F9}country];
- (d) for a small [^{F8}UK] “B” package—
 - (i) the officially assigned serial number;
 - (ii) the service that assigned the serial number and name of [^{F10}country] or their initials;
 - (iii) the reference number if the official serial number does not enable the used seed lots to be identified;
- (e) the words “seed mixture for ...[intended use]”;
- (f) the net or gross weight or number of pure seeds;
- (g) where the weight is indicated and granulated pesticides, pelleting substances or other solid additives are used, the nature of the additive and the approximate ratio between the weight of the seed and the total weight;
- (h) the percentage by weight of the various components shown by species and, where appropriate, by variety.

(3) But for mixtures registered with the Department, provided the label shows the registered name of the mixture, the percentage by weight of each of the components may be omitted provided that—

- (a) this information is supplied to the customer on request; and
- (b) customers are informed that they can request these details.

- F8** Word in Sch. 3 para. 22 substituted (31.12.2020) by The Seed Marketing and Fertilisers (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020 (S.R. 2020/319), regs. 1, **3(g)(vi)**
- F9** Word in Sch. 3 para. 22(2)(c)(ii) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Seed Marketing and Fertilisers (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020 (S.R. 2020/319), regs. 1, **3(g)(vii)**
- F10** Word in Sch. 3 para. 22(d)(ii) substituted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Seed Marketing and Fertilisers (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020 (S.R. 2020/319), regs. 1, **3(g)(vii)**

Oil and fibre seed: supplier's labels

23.—(1) A supplier's label may be used on a small package of oil and fibre seed.

(2) A small package of oil and fibre seed is a package of any certified or commercial oil and fibre seed that does not weigh more than 15 kilograms.

- (3) The label must be the same colour as the official label for that category of seed.
- (4) The following must appear on the label—
 - (a) the words “[^{F11}UK] rules and standards”;
 - (b) the name and address or identification number of the supplier responsible for affixing the label;
 - (c) the reference number of the seed lot;
 - (d) the species (this must be the botanical name, either in full or in abridged form);
 - (e) the variety;
 - (f) for certified seed, the category;
 - (g) for commercial seed the words “commercial seed (not certified as to variety)”;
 - (h) the declared net or gross weight of clusters or pure seed (except for packages not exceeding 500 grams);
 - (i) where the weight is indicated and granulated pesticides, pelleting substances or other solid additives are used, the nature of the additive and the approximate ratio between the weight of the seed and the total weight.

F11 Word in Sch. 3 para. 23 substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Marketing of Seeds and Plant Propagating Material \(Amendment\) \(Northern Ireland\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/211\)](#), regs. 1(1), **51(j)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

Vegetable seed: supplier's labels

- 24.—(1) A supplier's label may be used on—
- (a) a package of standard vegetable seed, no matter what the weight; and
 - (b) a small package of certified (CS) seed.
- (2) A small package of certified (CS) vegetable seed is a package of certified (CS) seed that weighs no more than—
- (a) for broad beans, French beans, runner beans and peas, 5 kilograms;
 - (b) for asparagus, beetroot, carrot, chard or spinach beet, gourd, marrow, onion, radish, spinach or turnip, 500 grams;
 - (c) for any other vegetable species, 100 grams.
- (3) The label must be coloured dark yellow for standard seed or blue for certified seed.
- (4) The following must appear on the label on a package of standard seed (other than a mixture of different varieties of standard seed of the same species) and certified seed—
- (a) the words “[^{F12}UK] rules and standards”;
 - (b) the name and address or identification number of the person affixing the label;
 - (c) the marketing year of the sealing or of the last examination of germination (the end of the marketing year may be indicated);
 - (d) the species;
 - (e) the variety;
 - (f) the category: in the case of small packages, certified seed may be marked with the letter “C” or “Z” and standard seed with the letters “ST”;
 - (g) in the case of standard seed, the reference number given by the person responsible for affixing the labels;

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- (h) in the case of certified seed, the reference number enabling the certified lot to be identified;
 - (i) the declared net or gross weight or declared number of seeds, except for small packages up to 500 grams;
 - (j) where the weight is indicated and granulated pesticides, pelleting substances or other solid additives are used, the nature of the additive and the approximate ratio between the weight of clusters or pure seeds and the total weight.
- (5) The following must appear on the label on a package of a mixture of different varieties of standard seed of the same species—
- (a) the words “[^{F12}UK] rules and standards”;
 - (b) the name and address or identification number of the person affixing the label;
 - (c) the year of sealing expressed as “sealed ...[year]” or the year of last sampling for the purpose of the last testing for germination expressed as “sampled ...[year]”, (the words “use before ...[date]” may be added);
 - (d) the words “mixture of varieties of ...[name of the species]”;
 - (e) the varieties;
 - (f) the proportion of the varieties, expressed as net weight or as the number of seeds;
 - (g) the reference number given by the person responsible for affixing the labels;
 - (h) the net or gross weight or the number of seeds;
 - (i) where the weight is indicated and granulated pesticides, pelleting substances or other solid additives are used, the nature of the additive and the approximate ratio between the weight of clusters or pure seeds and the total weight.

F12 Word in Sch. 3 para. 24 substituted (31.12.2020) by The Marketing of Seeds and Plant Propagating Material (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/211), regs. 1(1), **51(j)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

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