

SCHEDULE 4

Exceptions

PART 2

Marketing seed that does not comply with Schedule 2

Marketing imported seed to be labelled as HVS

14.—(1) Seed certified in another member State or third country that has been granted equivalence under Council [Decision 2003/17/EC](#) (on the equivalence of field inspections carried out in third countries on seed-producing crops and on the equivalence of seed produced in third countries) may be marketed as meeting a higher voluntary standard in accordance with this paragraph.

(2) A sample must be submitted to the Department for testing, and the Department, if satisfied that the sample meets the higher voluntary standard, must issue a certificate confirming this.

(3) The seed must be re-labelled using—

- (a) an official label issued by the Department if the seed is from another member State; or
- (b) an OECD label if the seed is from a third country,

and in both cases the country of production must be stated on the label.

(4) Seed imported pending inclusion in the National List or not finally certified in the country of production may be verified as being of a higher voluntary standard and re-graded after listing or final certification.