

## **Authorisation for the marketing of seed and other propagating material produced in an EU member states, Switzerland and EEA countries into Great Britain from 1 January 2021**

This document sets out the formal recognition of EU member states, Switzerland and EEA countries as equivalent in the production of seed and other propagating material and the maintenance of varieties following approval from the Secretary of State for Defra for England, Welsh Ministers for Wales and Scottish Ministers for Scotland.

Variety registration requirements must be met before material can be marketed in Great Britain.

### **Seed of beet, cereals, fodder plants, oil and fibre and vegetables**

Authorisation for the marketing of seed of beet, cereals, fodder plants, oil and fibre and vegetables produced in the countries listed in Table 1, and where that country is a member of the relevant OECD Seed Scheme, is granted in England, Wales and Scotland. Field inspection of seed producing crops and certification of seed must meet the requirements of the relevant OECD Seed Scheme for the Varietal Certification of Seed moving in International Trade. Field inspection and seed production in those countries is carried out under conditions considered equivalent to the following relevant legislation.

#### **England**

Seed Marketing Regulations 2011

#### **Wales**

Seed Marketing (Wales) Regulations 2012

#### **Scotland**

Vegetable Seeds Regulations 1993

Oil and Fibre Plant Seed (Scotland) Regulations 2004

Cereal Seed (Scotland) Regulations 2005

Fodder Plant Seed (Scotland) Regulations 2005

Beet Seed (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 2010

Seed should meet the conditions described in the relevant legislation (other than those relating to varietal identity and purity). Examination of seed to check that these conditions have been met shall be carried out officially or under official supervision in accordance with ISTA Rules. For the purpose of the examination, samples shall be taken officially or under official supervision in accordance with ISTA Rules, and their weights shall conform to the weight stipulated under such methods, considering the weights specified in the relevant legislation.

Seed lots shall be accompanied by an ISTA Orange International Seed Lot Certificate.

Further guidance on the conditions to be met will be issued in due course.

## **Seed potatoes**

Authorisation for the marketing of seed potatoes produced in the countries, as indicated in Table 1, is granted in England and Wales. Seed production and certification is carried out under conditions considered equivalent to the requirements of the following legislation, in those countries. The marketing of seed potatoes will be acceptable under the labelling requirements of the country producing it.

### **England**

Seed Potatoes (England) Regulations 2015

### **Wales**

Seed Potatoes (Wales) Regulations 2016

## **Vegetable plant material**

Authorisation for the marketing of vegetable plant material produced in the countries, as indicated in Table 1, is granted in England, Wales and Scotland. Production is carried out under conditions considered equivalent to the requirements in the following legislation, in those countries. The marketing of vegetable plant material will be acceptable under the labelling requirements of the country producing it.

### **England**

The Marketing of Vegetable Plant Material Regulations 1995

### **Wales**

The Marketing of Vegetable Plant Material Regulations 1995

### **Scotland**

The Marketing of Vegetable Plant Material Regulations 1995

## **Fruit plant and propagating material**

Authorisation for the marketing of fruit plant and propagating material produced in the countries, as indicated in Table 1, is granted in England, Wales and Scotland. Production and certification (where it applies) is carried out under conditions considered equivalent to the requirements in the following legislation, in those countries. The marketing of fruit plant and propagating material will be acceptable under the labelling requirements of the country producing it.

### **England**

The Marketing of Fruit Plant and Propagating Material (England) Regulations 2017

### **Wales**

The Marketing of Fruit Plant and Propagating Material (Wales) Regulations 2017

### **Scotland**

The Marketing of Fruit Plant and Propagating Material (Scotland) Regulations 2017

### **Forest Reproductive Material**

Authorisation for the marketing of forest reproductive material produced in the European Union countries listed in Table 2, that are members of the OECD Scheme for the certification of forest reproductive material moving in international trade, is granted in England, Wales and Scotland in compliance with the following legislation.

Authorisation for the marketing of forest reproductive material produced in the countries listed in Table 3, that are members of the OECD Scheme for the certification of forest reproductive material moving in international trade and are already recognised as equivalent by the European Union, is granted to allow the continued marketing of forest reproductive material in England, Wales and Scotland in compliance with the following legislation, from those countries.

#### **Great Britain**

The Forest Reproductive Material (Great Britain) Regulations 2002

#### **Maintenance of varieties**

For species covered by the Seeds (National List of Varieties) Regulations 2001 (SI 2001/3510), the official checks on the maintenance of varieties carried out by countries, as indicated in table 1, are assessed as affording the same guarantees as those under the National List regulations. This means that pre-basic and basic seed produced in these countries may be used for further seed production in England, Wales and Scotland.

#### **Period of Validity**

This authorisation will be limited to two years, except for seed potatoes where recognition for marketing into England and Wales will cease on 30 June 2021.

#### **Right to Audit**

Defra, Scottish Government and Welsh Government reserve the right to audit recognised countries if there are issues with quality.

**Table 1 EU member states, Switzerland and EEA countries meeting requirements for equivalence for seed of beet, cereals, fodder plants, oil and fibre and vegetables, based on OECD membership, and seed potatoes, including for variety maintenance, and for vegetable plant material and fruit plant and propagating material**

<b>Maintenance of Varieties:</b> For species covered by the Seeds (National List of Varieties) Regulations 2001 (SI 2001/3510), the official checks on the maintenance of varieties carried out by the countries indicated below are assessed as affording the same guarantees as those under the National List regulations.										
<b>OECD Seed Schemes for the Varietal Certification of Seed moving in International Trade</b>										
Country	Certifying Authority	Grasses and Legumes	Crucifers and other oil or fibre species	Cereals	Beet	Maize	Vegetables	Seed potatoes	Vegetable plant material	Fruit plant and propagating material
Austria	Austrian Agency for Health and Food Safety, Vienna	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Belgium	Ministere de la Region de Bruxelles-Capitale Administration de l'Economie et de l'Emploi Cellule Agriculture, Bruxelles  Vlaamse Overheid Agentschap voor Landbouw en Visserij Productkwaliteitsbeheer Ellips, Brussels  Service Public de Wallonie Direction Générale Operationnelle Agriculture,	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

	Ressources Naturelles et Environnement Département du Développement, Namur										
Bulgaria	Executive Agency for Variety Testing, Field Inspection and Seed Control, Sofia	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
Croatia	Croatian Agency for Agriculture and Food - Center for Seed and Seedlings, Osijek	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
Cyprus	Department of Agriculture Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development & Environment, Nicosia	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	
Czech Republic	Central Institute for Supervising & Testing in Agriculture Seed and Planting Materials Division, Praha	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Denmark	Ministry of Environment and Food The Danish Agricultural Agency, Copenhagen	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Estonia	Agricultural Board, Saku	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Finland	Finnish Food Authority, Loimaa	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	

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France	Ministère de l'Agriculture, Paris	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Germany	Bundessortenamt, Hannover	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Greece	Ministry of Rural Development & Food Directorate General of Sustainable Plant Production Directorate of Plant Genetic Resources and Propagating Material of Cultivated Plant Species Department A1 (Department of Propagating Material of Agricultural Crops, Vegetables, Ornamentals, Aromatic and Pharmaceutical Plants), Athens	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Hungary	National Food Chain Safety Office (NEBIH) Department of Seed Certification, Budapest	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Ireland	Crop Policy, Evaluation and Certification Division, Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Kildare	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓
Italy	CREA-DC, Milan	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Latvia	State Plant Protection Service Seed Control Department, Riga	✓		✓				✓	✓	✓
Lithuania	State Plant Service Ministry of Agriculture, Vilnius	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓

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Luxembourg	Ministère de l'Agriculture, de la Viticulture et du Développement Rural, Luxembourg	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓
Malta	Seed and other Propagation Material Unit (SPMU), Plant Health Directorate, Ministry for Sustainable Development, the Environment and Climate Change, Lija							✓	✓	✓
Netherlands	Nederlandse Algemene Keuringdienst (NAK), Emmeloord	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Poland	Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development Division of Plant Breeding and Seeds, Warsaw	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Portugal	Direção Geral de Alimentação e Veterinária (DGAV), Lisboa	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Romania	Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development National Inspection for Quality of Seeds, Bucharest	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Slovakia	The Central Control and Testing Institute in Agriculture in Bratislava (ÚKSÚP), Bratislava	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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Slovenia	Ministry of Agriculture and the Environment Administration of the Republic of Slovenia for Food Safety, Veterinary Sector and Plant Protection, Ljubljana	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Spain	Ministerio de Agricultura, Pesca y Alimentación - Oficina Española de Variedades Vegetales (OEVV), Madrid	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Sweden	Swedish Board of Agriculture Seed, Svalov	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>EEA or Other</b>										
Iceland	Icelandic Food and Veterinary Authority, Selfoss	✓	✓	✓			✓			
Norway	The Norwegian Food Safety Authority (Mattilsynet), Brumunddal	✓	✓	✓						
Switzerland	Federal Department of Economic Affairs, Education and Research EAER Federal Office for Agriculture FOAG Plant Health and Varieties Unit, Bern	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓		



**Table 2: Countries meeting requirements for equivalence for Forest Reproductive Material based on OECD membership of the OECD Forest Scheme**

Country	Certifying Authority
Austria	Federal Forest Office, Forest Reproductive Material, Vienna
Belgium	<p>Bruxelles Environnement – IBGE, Division Qualité de l'Environnement et Gestion de la Nature, Département Forêt, Bruxelles</p> <p>Vlaamse Overheid, Departement Landbouw en Visserij, Afdeling Voorlichting, Doelgroepenbeleid en Kwaliteit Plant Dienst Kwaliteit Plant Ellips, Brussel</p> <p>Service Public de Wallonie, Agriculture, Ressources Naturelles et Environnement, Département du développement, de la ruralité et des cours d'eau et du bien-être animal, Namur</p>
Bulgaria	Executive Forest Agency, Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Forest, Sofia
Croatia	<p>Croatian Forest Research Institute – CFI, Division of Genetics, Forest Tree Breeding and Seed Husbandry, Jastrebarsko</p> <p>Ministry of Agriculture, Directorate for Forestry, Hunting and Wood Industry, Sector for Forestry, Zagreb</p>
Denmark	Ministry of Environment and Food, Danish Agricultural Agency, København
Finland	Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Natural Resources Department, Forests and Bioenergy Unit, Helsinki
France	Ministère de l'agriculture et de l'alimentation, DGPE/SDFE - Sous-direction des filières forêt-bois, cheval et bioéconomie, Bureau Gestion durable de la forêt et du bois, Paris
Germany	<p>Johann Heinrich von Thünen Institute</p> <p>Federal Research Institute for Rural Areas, Forestry and Fisheries</p> <p>Institute of Forest Genetics, Grosshansdorf</p>
Hungary	National Food Chain Safety Office, Directorate for Plant Production and Horticulture, Budapest
Ireland	Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Dublin

Country	Certifying Authority
Italy	Ministry of agricultural, food and forestry policies, General direction of forests, Rome
Netherlands	Naktuinbouw, ROELOFARENDSEVEEN
Portugal	Ministério da Agricultura, Florestas e Desenvolvimento Rural, Instituto da Conservação da Natureza e das Florestas, I.P., Lisboa
Romania	“Marin Dracea” National Institute for Research and Development in Forestry, (INCDS “Marin Dracea”), Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding Department, Romania
Slovakia	Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development Section of Forestry and Wood Processing, Bratislava  National Forest Centre, Zvolen
Spain	Deputy Directorate General for Forest Policy, Directorate General of Rural, Development, Innovation and Forest Policy, MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FOOD, Madrid  Spanish Plant Variety Office, General Directorate of Productions and Agricultural markets. MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND ENVIRONMENT, Madrid
Sweden	Swedish Forest Agency, BORÅS

**Table 3 Countries continuing to meet requirements for equivalence for Forest Reproductive Material based on OECD membership of the OECD Forest Scheme**

<b>Country</b>	<b>Certifying Authority</b>
Canada	Natural Resources Canada, Canadian Forestry Service, Fredericton
Norway	Norwegian Institute of Bioeconomy Research, Aas Norwegian Forest Seed Center, Hamar
Serbia	Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management, Directorate for Forest, Novi Beograd
Switzerland	Federal Department of the Environment, Transport, Energy and Communications (DETEC), Federal Office for the Environment (FOEN), Forest Division, Birmensdorf
Turkey	Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, General Directorate of Forestry, Forest Tree Seeds and Tree Breeding Research Institute Directorate, Ankara
United States	Washington State Crop Improvement Association, Inc. (Official State Certification Authorities - Authorized to issue OECD certificates through cooperative agreement with USDA Forest Service), Washington

