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L.N. 88 of 2020

PLANT QUARANTINE ACT
(CAP. 433)

Seeds of Agricultural Plants and Vegetables (Amendment) Regulations, 2020

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred by article 32 of the Plant Quarantine Act, the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Animal Rights, has made the following regulations:-

Citation and scope.

S.L. 433.30.

1. (1) The title of these regulations is the Seeds of Agricultural Plants and Vegetables (Amendment) Regulations, 2020 and these regulations shall be read and construed as one with the Seeds of Agricultural Plants and Vegetables Regulations, hereinafter referred to as "the principal regulations".

(2) The scope of these regulations is to transpose Commission Implementing Directive (EU) 2019/990 of 17 June 2019 amending the list of genera and species in Article 2(1)(b) of Council Directive 2002/55/EC.

Amends regulation 4 of the principal regulations.

2. Sub-regulation (3) of regulation 4 of the principal regulations, shall be substituted by the following:

"(3) The professional operators and the non-professional final users being supplied with seeds from a third country shall also inform the Directorate by means of the Third Countries Notification Form available on the Directorate's website forty-eight (48) hours prior to the arrival, of the plant material in Malta of each lot received by them.".

Substitutes regulation 24 of the principal regulations.

3. Regulation 24 of the principal regulations, shall be substituted by the following:

"24. (1) Seeds harvested in a third country must afford the same assurances as seeds harvested within the European Union with respect to their characteristics and the arrangements for its examination, for ensuring identity, for marking and for control. In such case, the seeds shall be equivalent in these respects to seeds harvested within the European Union and complying with the provisions of these regulations.

(2) The provisions contained in Council Decision 2003/17/EC on the equivalence of field inspections carried out in third

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countries on seed-producing crops and on the equivalence of seed produced in third countries and in Council Decision 2005/834/EC on the equivalence of checks on practices for the maintenance of varieties carried out in certain third countries and amending Decision 2003/17/EC shall apply in case of third countries referred to in such Decisions.".

Amends Schedule I to the principal regulations.

4. Table 1.5 of Schedule I to the principal regulations, shall be substituted by the following:

"Table 1.5:

Genus or species	**Common name**
Allium cepa L. -*Cepa* group -*Aggregatum* group	 Onion Echalion Shallot
Allium fistulosum L. -all varieties	Japanese bunching onion or Welsh onion
Allium porrum L. -all varieties	Leek
Allium sativum L. -all varieties	Garlic
Allium schoenoprasum L. *-all varieties*	Chives
Anthriscus cerefolium (L.) Hoffm. -all varieties	Chervil
Apium graveolens L. -Celery Group -Celeriac Group	 - -
Asparagus officinalis L. *-all varieties*	Asparagus
Beta vulgaris L. -Garden Beet Group -Leaf Beet Group	 Beetroot including Cheltenham beet Spinach beet or Chard

Brassica oleracea L.	
-Kale Group	-
-Cauliflower Group	-
-Capitata Group	Red cabbage and White cabbage
-Brussel Sprouts Group	-
-Kohlrabi Group	-
-Savoy Cabbage Group	-
-Broccoli Group	Calabrese type and sprouting type
-Palm Kale Group	-
-Tronchuda Group	Portuguese cabbage
Brassica rapa L.	
-Chinese Cabbage Group	-
-Vegetable Turnip Group	-
Capsicum annuum L.	Chilli or Pepper
-all varieties	
Cichorium endivia L.	Endive
-all varieties	
Cichorium intybus L.	
-Witloof Chicory Group	-
-Leaf Chicory Group	Large-leaved chicory or Italian chicory
-Industrial (Root) Chicory Group	-
Citrullus lanatus (Thunb.) Matsum. et Nakai	Watermelon
-all varieties	
Cucumis melo L.	Melon
-all varieties	
Cucumis sativus L.	
-Cucumber Group	-
-Gherkin Group	-
Cucurbita maxima Duchesne	Gourd
-all varieties	
Cucurbita pepo L.	Marrow, including mature pumpkin and scallop squash or Courgette, including immature scallop squash
-all varieties	
Cynara cardunculus L.	
-Globe Artichoke Group	-
-Cardoon Group	-
Daucus carota L.	Carrot
-all varieties	Fodder carrot
Foeniculum vulgare Mill.	Fennel
-Azoricum Group	

Lactuca sativa L. -all varieties	Lettuce
Petroselinum crispum (Mill.) Nyman ex A.W. Hill -Leaf Parsley Group -Root Parsley Group	 - -
Phaseolus coccineus L. -all varieties	Runner bean
Phaseolus vulgaris L. -Dwarf French Bean Group -Climbing French Bean Group	 - -
Pisum sativum L. (partim) -Round Pea Group -Wrinkled Pea Group -Sugar Pea Group	 - - -
Raphanus sativus L. -Radish Group -Black Radish Group	 - -
Rheum rhabarbarum L. -all varieties	Rhubarb
Scorzonera hispanica L. -all varieties	Scorzonera or Black salsify
Solanum lycopersicum L. -all varieties	Tomato
Solanum melongena L. -all varieties	Aubergine or Eggplant
Spinacia oleracea L. -all varieties	Spinach
Valerianella locusta (L.) Laterr. -all varieties	Corn salad or Lamb's lettuce
Vicia faba L. -all varieties	Broad bean
Zea mays L. -Sweet Corn Group -Popcorn Group	 - -

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5. Table 1.16 of Schedule III to the principal regulations, shall be substituted by the following:

Amends Schedule III to the principal regulations.

"Table 1.16:

Species	**Minimum analytical purity (% by weight)**	**Maximum content of seeds of other plant species (% by weight)**	**Minimum germination (% clusters of pure seed)**
1	2	3	4
Allium cepa	97	0.5	70
Allium fistulosum	97	0.5	65
Allium porrum	97	0.5	65
Allium sativum	97	0.5	65
Allium schoenoprasum	97	0.5	65
Anthriscus cerefolium	96	1.0	70
Apium graveolens	97	1.0	70
Asparagus officinalis	96	0.5	70
Beta vulgaris (Garden Beet Group)	97	0.5	50 (clusters)
Beta vulgaris (other than Garden Beet Group)	97	0.5	70 (clusters)
Brassica oleracea (Cauliflower Group)	97	1.0	70
Brassica oleracea (other than Cauliflower Group)	97	1.0	75
Brassica rapa (Chinese Cabbage Group)	97	1.0	75
Brassica rapa (Vegetable Turnip Group)	97	1.0	80
Capsicum annuum	97	0.5	65
Cichorium endivia	95	1.0	65
Cichorium intybus (Witloof Chicory Group, Leaf Chicory Group)	95	1.5	65
Cichorium intybus (Industrial (Root) Chicory Group)	97	1.0	80
Citrullus lanatus	98	0.1	75
Cucumis melo	98	0.1	75
Cucumis sativus	98	0.1	80
Cucurbita maxima	98	0.1	80
Cucurbita pepo	98	0.1	75
Cynara cardunculus	96	0.5	65
Daucus carota	95	1.0	65
Foeniculum vulgare	96	1.0	70
Lactuca sativa	95	0.5	75
Petroselinum crispum	97	1.0	65

Phaseolus coccineus	98	0.1	80
Phaseolus vulgaris	98	0.1	75
Pisum sativum	98	0.1	80
Raphanus sativus	97	1.0	70
Rheum rhabarbarum	97	1.0	70
Scorzonera hispanica	95	0.5	70
Solanum lycopersicum	97	0.5	75
Solanum melongena	96	0.5	65
Spinacia oleracea	97	1.0	75
Valerianella locusta	95	1.0	65
Vicia faba	98	0.1	80
Zea mays	98	0.1	85

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Amends Schedule IV to the principal regulations.

6. Table 1.20 of Schedule IV to the principal regulations, shall be substituted by the following:

"Table 1.20:

Species	**Weight (grams)**
1	2
Allium cepa	25
Allium fistulosum	15
Allium porrum	20
Allium sativum	20
Allium schoenoprasum	15
Anthriscus cerefolium	20
Apium graveolens	5
Asparagus officinalis	100
Beta vulgaris	100
Brassica oleracea (all kinds)	25
Brassica rapa	20
Capsicum annuum	40
Cichorium endivia	15
Cichorium intybus *(Witloof Chicory Group, Leaf Chicory Group)*	15
Cichorium intybus *(Industrial (Root) Chicory Group)*	50
Citrullus lanatus	250
Cucumis melo	100

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Cucumis sativus	25
Cucurbita maxima	250
Cucurbita pepo	150
Cynara cardunculus	50
Daucus carota	10
Foeniculum vulgare	25
Lactuca sativa	10
Petroselinum crispum	10
Phaseolus coccineus	1000
Phaseolus vulgaris	700
Pisum sativum	500
Raphanus sativus	50
Rheum rhabarbarum	135
Scorzonera hispanica	30
Solanum lycopersicum	20
Solanum melongena	20
Spinacia oleracea	75
Valerianella locusta	20
Vicia faba	1000
Zea mays	1000

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