

## PRE-BASIC AND BASIC SEED CROPS 2019

You should be aware that the EU Commission has indicated it will not progress the UK application for third country equivalence until negotiations are complete. This means that, in a no-deal exit, pre-basic, basic and certified seed will not be marketable in the EU after exit. However, it is expected that third country equivalence will be attained at a later, but currently unknown, date.

If we gain equivalence, we will need to export seed under OECD rules to meet EU requirements, which require pre-basic/basic seed to have come from a crop approved through an official rather than a licensed inspection. All pre-basic/basic seed crops grown in Scotland are currently officially inspected. This note therefore is only intended to remind anyone planning to export pre-basic/basic seed of the OECD requirements.

The Scottish Government will continue to recognize the crop result for pre-basic/basic crops inspected by licensed inspectors under the terms of the temporary experiment which ends in December 2019.

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