

Dear Seed Exporter

**TESTING OF EXPORT SAMPLES TO MEET ISTA REQUIREMENTS  
FEES IN SCOTLAND EFFECTIVE FROM 1 JULY 2025 – 30 JUNE 2026**

Please find a list of charges for testing samples from seed lots for export.

For all sampling for Orange International Certificate (OIC) seed lots, the sampling must be official and carried out by ISTA samplers. The lot must be sealed either before sampling or at the time of sampling by the sampler.

The form to be completed by the exporter (applicant) to request sampling is:

- **CERT 9 Scotland – Application for sampling, sealing and testing of seed for export**

Please check the SASA website ([www.sasa.gov.uk/publicatons](http://www.sasa.gov.uk/publicatons)) to ensure you are using the correct version of the [CERT 9 Scotland form](#). This will ensure the correct information is provided for the OSTs to complete the Orange International Certificate.

For Blue International Certificates (BIC) the sampling is unofficial, and the applicant should submit their own sample, accompanied by a CERT 9 Scotland form.

The current list of ISTA nomenclature can be seen in the ISTA List of Stabilized Plant Names 7<sup>th</sup> Edition: [Stabilised Plant Names - International Seed Testing Association](#). This will be updated to the 8<sup>th</sup> Edition on 1 January 2026.

**For seed being exported to Northern Ireland from Great Britain there is still a requirement for an Orange International Certificate, OECD Certification and a Phytosanitary Certificate.**

If you have any queries or need advice please contact: Gillian Musgrove, Chief Officer, Official Seed Testing Station for Scotland, Tel: 0131 244 8851, Email: [gillian.musgrove@sasa.gov.scot](mailto:gillian.musgrove@sasa.gov.scot) or [seedtesting@sasa.gov.scot](mailto:seedtesting@sasa.gov.scot)

Yours sincerely



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<b>Crops</b>	<b>Purity only (P)</b>	<b>Germination only (G)</b>	<b>Determination of other seeds by number (OSD)</b>	<b>Purity &amp; Germination (P &amp; G)</b>	<b>Purity, Germination &amp; Determination of other seeds by number (P, G &amp; OSD)</b>	<b>Purity &amp; Determination of other seeds by number (P &amp; OSD)</b>
<b>CEREALS</b>	£39.12	£46.09	£69.20	£77.00	£131.27	£97.65
<b>GRASSES</b>	£57.23	£57.87	£130.63	£103.47	£208.87	£169.10
<b>CLOVERS</b>	£57.23	£57.87	£130.63	£103.47	£208.87	£169.10
<b>BRASSICAS</b>	£57.87	£57.87	£69.20	£103.47	£161.13	£113.81
<b>PULSES</b>	£39.12	£57.87	£39.12	£87.31	£97.00	£47.85
<b>ALL OTHER SPECIES</b>	Price on request					
<b>SAMPLING FEE</b>	<b>£71.12</b>					

# ISTA CERTIFICATES

## (Orange and Blue)

Original certificates	£24.44
Provisional certificates	£12.94
Duplicate certificates	£10.35
Sub-lot certificates* (Orange International Certificate only)	£24.44
Duplicate sub-lot certificates* (Orange International Certificate only)	£10.35

\* Sublot Certificate, conditions apply, please discuss with OSTs

## OTHER TESTS

Orobanche Test	Price based on time taken for analysis (£74.68/hour)
Moisture (ISTA Oven Method)	£30.07
Tetrazolium	£187.15
Disease Tests	Price on application
Return of samples, including P&P	Price on application

# CROP GROUPING

CEREALS	GRASSES	CLOVERS	BRASSICAS	PULSES	OTHER SPECIES	
Barley Oats Rye Triticale Spelt wheat Wheat	Alaska brome grass All bentgrasses ( <i>inc. browntop, redtop</i> ) Cocksfoot Fine fescues ( <i>red, Chewing's, creeping red, hard, sheep's and fine-leaved</i> ) Festulolium Hybrid ryegrass Italian ryegrass Meadow fescue Meadowgrasses ( <i>annual, wood, smooth-stalked, rough-stalked</i> ) Perennial Ryegrass Rescue grass Tall fescue Tall oatgrass Timothy	Alsike clover Birdsfoot trefoil Lucerne Red clover Trefoil White clover	Brussels sprouts Cabbage (Red & Savoy cabbage) Cauliflower Chinese cabbage Curly Kale (borecole) Kale Kohl Rabi Mizuna Mustard (black, brown) Pak Choi Red Mustard Sprouting broccoli (Calabrese) Swede Swede rape ( <i>inc. Fodder rape &amp; Oilseed rape</i> ) Tatsoi Tah Tsai Turnip Turnip rape White mustard	Bean – broad Bean – field Bean – French Bean – runner Pea – field Pea – fodder Pea – vegetable	Asparagus Aubergine Basil Beetroot (red beet) Carrot Celeriac Celery Chard Chicory Chives Cucumber Coriander Cress Dill Durum wheat Endive Evening primrose Flax Fodder beet Gherkin Gourd Hemp Leek Lettuce Linseed Lupin Maize Mangel Marrow ( <i>Inc. courgette, Zucchini</i> ) Melon Onion Parsley	Parsnip Pepper Radish (Fodder & Vegetable) Rocket ( <i>Eruca sativa</i> <b>not</b> <i>Diplotaxis</i> spp.) Sainfoin Sugar beet Sunflower Soya bean Spelt wheat Spinach Spinach beet Thyme Tomato Vetches Watercress Watermelon

## Background and other information

- **ISTA certificates** can only be issued by an ISTA accredited laboratory where sampling and testing has been carried out in accordance with the ISTA Rules. ISTA samples must be taken by samplers approved, trained and monitored by the accredited ISTA laboratory. In Scotland, the OSTs at SASA is currently the only accredited ISTA laboratory able to issue Orange International Certificates.
- **Phytosanitary Certificate:** Sampling to allow the issue of a phytosanitary export certificate should be requested on the [CERT 9 Scotland form](#) and an [Application for Export of Seeds](#) form should also be completed. This sampling can be organised by the ISTA Sampler. If further information is required contact Marian McEwan, Seed Pathologist, Official Seed Testing Station for Scotland, Tel: 0131 244 8879, Email: [Marian.McEwan@sasa.gov.scot](mailto:Marian.McEwan@sasa.gov.scot) or Emma Walker, Phytosanitary Officer, Official Seed Testing Station for Scotland, Tel: 0131 244 8836, Email: [Emma.Walker@sasa.gov.scot](mailto:Emma.Walker@sasa.gov.scot) or [seedtesting@sasa.gov.scot](mailto:seedtesting@sasa.gov.scot)
- A separate fee is payable to SASA for sampling, testing and issuing of a phytosanitary certificate. For seed exports to Northern Ireland, the Movement Assistance Scheme ended on 30 June 2025 ([Seed Certification Letter 179](#)). There is still a requirement for an Orange International Certificate, OECD Certification and Phytosanitary Certificate.

### Fees

- The OSTs will collect the fees for all sampling, seed testing and issuing of certificates directly from customers.
- There are separate additional charges for the issue of Sublot ISTA certificates, Provisional ISTA certificates, Duplicate ISTA certificates, non-routine tests, re-testing and return of samples (where this is possible).
- If the ISTA sample has been submitted for testing for P, G and OSD and the seed lot requires statutory testing and the issue of an SDG10 there is no additional charge, but a larger sample size may be required.