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To: All Licensed Seed Processors & Packers **Our ref: CE 165**

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SEED FOR EXPORT

All seed consignments from Scotland to destinations other that England and Wales must be moved under the auspices of the OECD Seed Schemes. The seed must be accompanied by an OECD Variety Certificate, an ISTA Orange International Certificate (OIC) and a phytosanitary certificate Seed mixtures must be accompanied by an OECD variety certificate and a phytosanitary certificate.

Process for obtaining and printing OECD Labels

Applicants must register with SASA to obtain a license to print OECD labels. This can be done by completing an OECD 1 2021 - OECD Labels - Application to Amend Current PSO Licence to include Printing of OECD Labels which can be found at the following link -

https://www.sasa.gov.uk/document-library/oecd-1-2021-oecd-labels-application-amend-current-pso-licence-include-printing-oecd.

A completed form should be sent to SASA Seed Certification (seeds@sasa.gov.scot). This will be a temporary license, but when you re-register for a Professional Seed Operators (PSO) License, there will be an option to include the function on your licence to enable printing of OECD labels. This exercise will take place later this year for most PSOs as their license will run out at the end of December 2021.

Procedure for Professional Seed Operators (PSO) in Scotland who wish to be licensed to Print OECD Labels can be found at the following link -

https://www.sasa.gov.uk/document-library/oecd-5-guidance-notes-psos-wishing-print-oecd-labels

Applicants must request OECD labels from SASA Seed Certification (seeds@sasa.gov.scot). The form OECD 2 SEED CERT - OECD Label request can be found on the SASA website at the following link - https://www.sasa.gov.uk/document-library/oecd-2-seed-cert-oecd-label-request

Applicants must complete the Part 1 of the form National Seed Lot Number Allocation for OECD Seed lots and send to SASA Seed Certification (seeds@sasa.gov.scot) . SASA will return the form with Part 2 completed. This will give the OECD reference number. The applicant will then complete part 3 of the form and return to SASA.

There are two forms

For Mixtures please complete the form OECD 3 (MIX) SEED CERT - OECD SLRN APPLICATION – Mixture which can be found at the following link –

https://www.sasa.gov.uk/document-library/oecd-3-mix-seed-cert-oecd-slrn-application-mixture

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For straights please complete the form OECD 3 SEED CERT - OECD SLRN APPLICATION which can be found at the following link

https://www.sasa.gov.uk/document-library/oecd-3-seed-cert-oecd-slrn-application

Movement Assistance Scheme (MAS)

Further to Seed Certification Letter 164 issued in April 2021

The current cost to have an official sample drawn is £56.75 but under Phase 2 of the Movement Assistance Scheme (MAS) the additional costs associated with issue of an OIC to allow export to Northern Ireland (including costs of sampling, testing and issue of certificate) will not be passed on to exporting businesses for a limited period from 1st August 2021. One sample is sufficient to cover both the phytosanitary certificate and the OIC, and the plant health rules require that only an official sampler may draw a phytosanitary sample.

- MAS will cover the cost of testing only when the test is carried out solely to facilitate the movement of the seed lot tested to Northern Ireland.
- The application form, CERT9, asks for the “Country of Destination” and this must be entered as “Northern Ireland”.
- OSTS will reclaim the cost from HM Treasury for tests where the “Country of Destination” is entered as Northern Ireland and will not invoice the applicant.
- Audits will be carried out to confirm the seed was moved to Northern Ireland and during audits the auditor will require copies of customs and phytosanitary certificates to be produced.

Yours sincerely

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