

REGULATION No. 96 OF 8 AUGUST 2006 ON THE MARKETING OF VEGETABLE SEED WITHIN THE EUROPEAN UNION

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Chapter One GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1. (1) This Regulation shall apply to:

1. (Amended, SG, No. 45/2007, effective date 01.07.2007) the procedure of acceptance for inclusion of vegetable plant varieties in the Official Variety List of the Republic of Bulgaria and the Common Catalogue of varieties of vegetable species of the Member States of the European Union (EU);
2. the categories of vegetable seed marketed within the EU;
3. the control of seed by official authorities for certification purposes; the activities under the supervision of official authorities;
4. the conditions under which the seed is placed on the market;
5. the certification, packaging and labelling requirements to the seed;
6. the conditions to be satisfied by standard seed;
7. the conditions for ex post control;
8. the marketing of seed that is not finally certified;
9. the import of seed from third countries;
10. the marketing of seed produced under specific conditions; seed for specific purposes;
11. the control of the seed placed on the market.

(2) This Regulation shall apply to seed of vegetable plant species (Annex No. 1) intended for seed production and/or production of agricultural crops other than products for ornamental purposes.

Article 2. This Regulation shall not apply to vegetable seed intended for export to third countries.

Chapter Two ACCEPTANCE FOR INCLUSION OF VEGETABLE PLANT VARIETIES IN THE OFFICIAL VARIETY LIST OF THE REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA AND THE COMMON CATALOGUE OF VARIETIES OF VEGETABLE SPECIES OF THE MEMBER STATES OF THE EU (HEADING AMENDED, SG No. 45/2007, EFFECTIVE DATE 01.07.2007)

Article 3. (1) (Amended, SG No. 45/2007, effective date 01.07.2007) Vegetable seed shall be marketed provided that it originates from varieties entered in the Official Variety List of the Republic of Bulgaria and the Common Catalogue of varieties of vegetable species of the European Union (EU).

(2) (Repealed, SG No. 45/2007, effective date 01.07.2007)

(3) The varieties of vegetable species accepted in the Official Variety List may be certified in the categories provided for in Articles 11 and 12 or controlled as standard seed in accordance with

Article 13.

(4) Where varieties of vegetable species are produced and marketed only as standard seed, this shall be noted in the variety list.

(5) The Official Variety List is accessible to the public and any person is entitled to make inquiries therein.

Article 4. (1) Vegetable seed may not be certified and/or verified as standard seed and marketed within the Community unless the variety is officially accepted in one or more Member States.

(2) The Common Catalogue of varieties of vegetable species shall be established on the basis of the national catalogues of the EU Member States.

(3) The Official Variety List of the Republic of Bulgaria shall be part of the EU Common Catalogue, including the catalogue of vegetable species.

Article 5. The Executive Agency for Plant Variety Testing, Field Inspection and Seed Control (IASAS) shall test varieties to accept and enter varieties of agricultural plant species, including vegetables, in the Official Variety List.

Article 6. (1) A variety shall be accepted for inclusion in the Official Variety List or the EU Common Catalogue of varieties of vegetable species only if it is distinct, stable and sufficiently uniform.

(2) Without prejudice to the requirements laid down in paragraph 1, in the case of industrial chicory, the variety must be of satisfactory value for cultivation and use (VCU).

(3) The value of the varieties of all other vegetable species for cultivation and use may be tested, at the choice of the applicant (breeder), for the soil and climatic conditions of the Republic of Bulgaria, except for industrial chicory referred to in paragraph 2 for which the VCU testing shall be mandatory.

(4) (Supplemented, SG No. 45/2007, effective date 01.07.2007) A genetically modified variety shall be accepted for inclusion in the Official Variety List and the Common Catalogue and for use as a food or food ingredient, while observing the provisions of Article 4(3) and (4) of Regulation No. 77 of 2006 on the procedure for acceptance for inclusion of new varieties of agricultural plant species in the Official Variety List of the Republic of Bulgaria and the Common Catalogue of the EU Member States (SG No. 51/2006) in accordance with Article 2(1) and (2) transposing Article 7(4) of Directive 90/220/EC and Articles 3 and 15 of Regulation 1829/2003/EC.

(5) (Amended and supplemented, SG No. 45/2007, effective date 01.07.2007) The requirements for a variety to be distinct, uniform and stable (DUS) comply with the provisions of Article 5, paragraphs 1 through 4 of Regulation No. 77 of 2006 on the procedure for acceptance for inclusion of new varieties of agricultural plant species in the Official Variety List of the Republic of Bulgaria and the Common Catalogue of the EU Member States.

(6) (Amended and supplemented, SG No. 45/2007, effective date 01.07.2007) The procedure for acceptance of varieties of vegetable species for inclusion in the Official Variety List of the Republic of Bulgaria and the Common Catalogue of the EU Member States shall comply with the provisions of Article 7 (except for paragraph 2, subparagraph 3) and Articles 8 through 18 of Regulation No. 77 of 2006 on the procedure for acceptance for inclusion of new varieties of agricultural plant species in the Official Variety List of the Republic of Bulgaria and the Common Catalogue of the EU Member States.

(7) (New, SG No. 13/2007, effective date 09.02.2007) For varieties of agricultural vegetable species which are maintained for the purposes of certified seed production, the Official Variety List shall indicate the name of the maintainer(s) in accordance with Article 9(1) of Regulation No. 77 of 2006 on the procedure for acceptance for inclusion of new varieties of agricultural plant species in the Official Variety List of the Republic of Bulgaria and the Common Catalogue of the EU Member States (SG No. 51/2006).

(8) (New, SG No. 13/2007, effective date 09.02.2007) The Executive Agency for Variety

Testing, Field Inspection and Seed Control may reject an application for acceptance of a variety in any of the following cases:

1. failure to comply with this Regulation which transposes Directive 2002/55/EC and Regulation No. 77 of 2006 on the procedure for acceptance for inclusion of new varieties of agricultural plant species in the Official Variety List of the Republic of Bulgaria and the Common Catalogue of the EU Member States which transposes Directive 2002/53/EC;

2. if, at the time of the application for acceptance or during examination, false or fraudulent particulars were supplied concerning the facts on the basis of which acceptance was granted;

(9) (New, SG No. 13/2007, effective date 09.02.2007) Where varieties of agricultural vegetable species are accepted in accordance with Article 6, the provisions of Article 16(2)(1) and (3) and Article 17 of Regulation No. 77 of 2006 on the procedure for acceptance for inclusion of new varieties of agricultural plant species in the Official Variety List of the Republic of Bulgaria and the Common Catalogue of the EU Member States shall apply in accordance with the EC procedures provided for in Article 46(2) and (3) of Directive 2002/55/EC.

(10) (New, SG No. 13/2007, effective date 09.02.2007) The cases under Article 18 of Regulation No. 77 of 2006 on the procedure for acceptance for inclusion of new varieties of agricultural plant species in the Official Variety List of the Republic of Bulgaria and the Common Catalogue of the EU Member States may cover also agricultural vegetable species which are maintained provided that the maintenance of the variety continues to be ensured.

Article 7. In the case of varieties the seed of which is produced and marketed only as standard seed, the results of unofficial examinations and knowledge gained from practical experience during cultivation may be taken into consideration in relation to the results of an official examination.

Article 8. (1) (Ex Article 8, SG No. 13/2007, effective date 09.02.2007) The procedures of acceptance of varieties with their origin in another Member States shall be equivalent to those applied to the national varieties of the Republic of Bulgaria.

(2) (New, SG No. 13/2007, effective date 09.02.2007) The procedures of acceptance (inclusion) of a variety for inclusion in the Common Catalogue or in the catalogue of another Member State shall be equivalent to acceptance for inclusion in their own catalogues. In the cases of application of procedures of inclusion of varieties entered in the Official Variety List in the Common Catalogue or in the catalogue of another Member State, the Republic of Bulgaria shall be released from the obligations provided for in Article 7, Article 9(4) and Article 10(2) to (5) of Directive 2002/55/EC as transposed with Article 6(6) of this Regulation and Article 7(1) and (2)(1) and (2), Article 9(4) and Article 10(2) to (5) of Regulation No. 77 of 2006 on the procedure for acceptance for inclusion of new varieties of agricultural plant species in the Official Variety List of the Republic of Bulgaria and the Common Catalogue of the EU Member States respectively.

Article 9. (1) The Common Catalogue of the varieties of vegetable species which is part of the Common Catalogue of agricultural plant species shall include also the species entered in the Official Variety List of the Republic of Bulgaria.

(2) The catalogue referred to in paragraph 1 shall contain:

1. the list of all varieties the seed of which is not subject to marketing restrictions with regard to the relevant variety as of the date of its publication;

2. details of the maintainer(s);

3. information on the Member States which are duly authorised by the European Commission (EC) to prohibit the distribution of seed of genetically modified varieties in all or in part of its territory, where the seed represents a risk to human health of the environment;

4. information on varieties which are deleted from the catalogue but their seed may be marketed up to 30 June of the third year after expiry of the acceptance of the relevant variety; time limits and Member States in which time limits do not apply shall be specified in each case.

5. information clearly indicating that the variety is genetically modified.

Chapter Three **CATEGORIES OF SEED**

Article 10. Vegetable seed shall be produced and certified in the categories of basic and certified seed and verified as standard seed.

Article 11. "Basic seed" means seed:

1. which has been produced under the responsibility and control of the persons referred to in Article 26 of the Seed and Propagating Material Act (SPMA) according to accepted methods and practices for the maintenance of the variety;
2. which is intended for the production of the category of certified seed;
3. which satisfies the conditions laid down in Annexes Nos. 2 and 3 for basic seed and to which the requirements provided for Article 25 may be applicable;
4. which has been found on examination by the official authorities that it satisfies the conditions laid down in subparagraphs 1 to 3; the compliance with the requirements laid down in Annex No. 3, which is established by laboratory testing, may be checked also in laboratories referred to in Article 16(2) under the supervision of the official authorities.

Article 12. 'Certified seed' means seed:

1. (Amended, SG No. 13/2007, effective date 09.02.2007) which is produced directly from basic seed or or, if the breeder so requests, from seed of a generation prior to basic seed which can satisfy and has been found by official examination to satisfy the conditions laid down in Annexes Nos. 2 and 3 for basic seed as established on examination by the official authorities under Article 15(2);
2. which is intended for the production of vegetables;
3. which satisfies the conditions for certified seed laid down in Annexes Nos. 2 and 3 and to which the requirements under Article 25(1)(2) may be applicable;
4. which has been found on examination by the official authorities under Article 15(2) or by natural persons (inspectors) and/or the laboratories referred to in Article 16 under the supervision of the official authorities that it satisfies the conditions laid down in subparagraphs 1 to 3.
5. which is subject to ex post control performed by the official authority under Article 15(2) to verify its varietal identity and varietal purity.

Article 13. "Standard seed" means seed:

1. which has sufficient varietal identity and varietal purity;
2. which is intended mainly for the production of vegetables;
3. which satisfies the conditions laid down in Annex No. 3;
4. which is subject to ex post control performed by the official authority under Article 15(2) to verify its varietal identity and varietal purity.

Article 14. The seed of a generation prior to basic seed of the variety breeder shall be certified in the category of pre-basic seed in accordance with the conditions for basic seed in the cases under Article 12 and Article 23.

Article 14a. (New, SG No. 92/2010, effective date 23.11.2010) (1) Seed of conservation varieties may be certified as as certified seed of a conservation variety provided that it satisfies the following conditions:

1. to be derived from seed produced in accordance with clearly defined methods of maintenance of the variety;
2. to satisfy the conditions laid down in Article 12 for certified seed, except for the requirements as regards the minimum varietal purity and the requirements concerning official testing or testing under official supervision;
3. to have sufficient varietal purity.

(2) Seed of conservation varieties may be verified as standard seed of a conservation variety provided that:

1. it satisfies the conditions laid down in Article 13 as regards the minimum varietal purity;
2. it has sufficient varietal purity.

(3) Seed of a variety to be cultivated under particular conditions may be verified as standard seed of a variety to be cultivated under particular conditions provided that:

1. it satisfies the conditions laid down in Article 13 as regards the minimum varietal purity;
2. it has sufficient varietal purity.

Chapter Four

SEED CONTROL PERFORMED BY OFFICIAL AUTHORITIES FOR THE PURPOSES OF CERTIFICATION AND VERIFICATION AS STANDARD SEED; ACTIVITIES OF NATURAL AND LEGAL PERSONS UNDER OFFICIAL SUPERVISION

Article 15. (1) (Amended, SG No. 30/2019, effective date 09.04.2019) In the Republic of Bulgaria, seed control shall be exercised through the official measures taken by the IASAS and the Bulgarian Food Safety Agency (BFSA) in accordance with Articles 3, 4 and 5 SPMA.

(2) The Executive Agency for Variety Testing, Field Inspection and Seed Control shall carry out certification of vegetable seed of the categories of basic and certified seed and verification as standard seed, whereby the following conditions shall be satisfied:

1. in the case of seed certification, through field inspections of seed crops and laboratory testing of the usefulness of seeds to check their compliance with the requirements laid down in Annexes Nos. 2 and 3;
2. in the case of verification as standard seed, through post control to check the varietal identity and varietal purity of the seed.

(3) (Amended, SG No. 30/2019, effective date 09.04.2019) The Bulgarian Food Safety Agency shall perform phytosanitary control of vegetable seed in accordance with Regulation No. 8 of 2015 on phytosanitary control (SG No. 19/2015) and provide the results to the IASAS.

Article 16. (1) Field inspections under the supervision of the IASAS may also be carried out by natural persons (inspectors) approved by the Executive Director of the IASAS in accordance with Article 6 SPMA.

(2) (Amended, SG No. 30/2019, effective date 09.04.2019) Laboratory testing of the usefulness of seed for certification purposes under the supervision of the IASAS may be carried out by legal persons that are laboratories approved by the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Forestry in accordance with Article 7(1) SPMA.

Article 17. Natural and legal persons shall satisfy the conditions laid down in Article 18 or 19 in the implementation of activities under the supervision of the IASAS.

Article 18. (1) The following requirements shall apply to field inspections carried out under the supervision of the IASAS:

1. inspectors shall:

- (a) have the necessary qualifications obtained after successful passing of an exam on the conduct of field inspections, which is organised by the IASAS in accordance with Article 6(3) SPMA;
- (b) be licensed by the Executive Director of the IASAS to carry out field inspections in accordance with Article 6 SPMA and have signed a written statement of commitment to the rules governing inspections;
- (c) (Amended, SG No. 30/2019, effective date 09.04.2019) carry out inspections under the supervision of the IASAS in accordance with the rules applicable to official inspections provided for in the legislation, including the field inspection methods approved by the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Forestry.

2. the seed crop to be inspected by the inspectors referred to in subparagraph 1 shall be grown from seed which has undergone official post-control, the results of which have been satisfactory.

3. the proportion of the seed crops checked by IASAS inspectors shall be at least 5%.

4. the seed lots drawn from the seed crops which have been inspected by the field inspectors referred to in subparagraph 1 shall be subject to post control (growing trials) and, if necessary, laboratory testing of crops to which such methods are applicable.

(2) Article 67 SPMA shall apply to the cases of infringements of the rules applicable to field inspections.

(3) Where the infringements during a field inspection have led to non-compliance with the requirements for certification of seed, an IASAS inspector who is duly authorised by the Executive Director, shall draw up a statement of findings on the specific non-compliances and fix a time limit for their elimination during the same vegetative phase of the seed crops. The certification process shall be terminated with an order by the Executive Director of the IASAS, unless it is established, after the necessary treatment of the seed crops, that they comply with the requirements.

(4) The provisions of paragraph 2 shall apply to the infringements which have led to treatment of the seed crops pursuant to paragraph 3, regardless of whether the seed crops continue to be compliant or not.

Article 19. (1) The following requirements shall apply to the laboratory testing of seed under the supervision of the IASAS:

(1) (Amended, SG No. 30/2019, effective date 09.04.2019) seed shall be tested at laboratories which have been approved to carry out laboratory testing for certification purposes by the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Forestry in accordance with Article 7(1), Article 9 and Article 10 SPMA;

2. the seed testing laboratory has staff that is qualified to perform the requisite laboratory tests, including a laboratory manager, laboratory premises and laboratory equipment; the laboratory tests seed in accordance with international methods which are specified in the methodology of sampling and testing the purity, germination and absolute weight of the seed crops in accordance with Article 31(8) SPMA;

3. a seed testing laboratory shall be:

(a) an independent laboratory (within the meaning of Article 7(2) SPMA); or

(b) a laboratory owned by a person engaging in seed production and/or seed handling and/or seed marketing;

4. (Amended, SG No. 41/2010, effective date 01.06.2010, amended, SG No. 30/2019, effective date 09.04.2019) a laboratory referred to in subparagraph 3, item (b) shall test only seed lots produced by the owner of the laboratory or, in specific cases laid down in an order of the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Forestry at the proposal of the IASAS, seed which has not been produced by the person referred to in subparagraph 3, item (b).

(2) (Supplemented, SG No. 41/2010, effective date 01.06.2010) Laboratories under paragraph 1, subparagraphs 1 and 4 shall be subject to supervision by the IASAS.

(3) For the purposes of the supervision referred to in paragraph 2, at least 5% of the samples of the seed lots applied for and sent to the laboratory to examine the seed for certification purposes shall be subject to check-testing at an IASAS laboratory in accordance with Article 11, paragraphs 1 and 2 of the SPMA.

(4) The samples referred to in paragraph 3 shall be distributed proportionately to the number of samples and the number of species owned by the persons who have submitted an application for certification of the seed to the relevant territorial unit (TU) of the IASAS and own the seed tested at a laboratory referred to in paragraph 1, subparagraph 1. The samples subject to check-testing may include also samples drawn in case of doubt in the performance of the laboratory or alerts of violations pursuant to Article 12(2) SPMA.

(5) Where seed testing rules and methods are violated by a laboratory referred to in paragraph 1, subparagraph 1, the measures provided for in Article 11(3) and Article 12(2) SPMA shall apply.

(6) The certificate of the seed in the cases under paragraph 5 shall be annulled pursuant to Article

11(4) SPMA, unless the seed continues to satisfy the certification conditions, regardless of the difference between the results obtained at the laboratory referred to in paragraph 1, subparagraph 1 and the results obtained in an IASAS laboratory in the check-test.

(7) The seed referred to in paragraph 6 may be marketed provided that it continues to satisfy the certification conditions.

Article 20. (1) For the laboratory testing of seed for certification and for post-control tests of the varietal identity and varietal purity, samples shall be drawn from homogeneous lots. For the testing of the seed germination and for check-tests, samples shall be drawn from the remaining available quantities of seed. For post-control tests, samples shall also be drawn from standard seed.

(2) Samples shall be drawn by IASAS officials duly authorised by the Executive Director of the IASAS or persons who are licensed by the Executive Director of the IASAS and work under the supervision of the IASAS.

(3) The license referred to in paragraph 2 shall be granted to persons with the necessary qualifications obtained in a specialised training course for samplers at the IASAS, who have passed the exam successfully.

(4) The persons referred to in paragraph 4 may be:

1. independent persons who have not been employed under a contract in accordance with subparagraphs 2 and 3; or

2. persons who have been employed under a contract by natural or legal persons whose activities do not involve seed production and/or seed trade; or

3. persons who have been employed under a contract by natural or legal persons whose activities involve seed production and/or seed trade.

(5) The Executive Director of the IASAS shall grant a sampler license pursuant to paragraph 3 in the format approved by the Executive Director of the IASAS or give a refusal with the reasons thereof in cases of failure at the exam. Any such refusal shall be subject to appeal in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Code (APC).

(6) (Amended, SG No. 30/2019, effective date 09.04.2019) Licensed samplers shall sign a statement of commitment to be unbiased and derive no private gain in the discharge of their duties, and abide by the sampling rules and methods approved by the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Forestry and by the provisions of this Regulation.

(7) The license referred to in paragraph 5 shall indicate the status of the sample taker and the scope of his or her sampling activities by plant species and categories.

(8) The samplers referred to in paragraph 4, subparagraph 3 shall draw samples only from seed lots produced and/or marketed by their employers, unless agreed otherwise between the employer, the applicant for certification and the IASAS.

Article 21. (1) Licensed samplers shall operate under the supervision of the IASAS.

(2) For the purposes of the supervision under paragraph 1, the IASAS shall perform annual check-sampling of at least 5% of the lots from which samples were drawn. Check-sampling shall be carried out by official samplers of the IASAS through parallel drawing of samples from the same lot to check the comparability of the samples drawn by official samplers and by the samplers operating under official supervision.

(3) The lots included in the checks referred to in paragraph 2 shall be distributed proportionately to the number of lots and the number of species belonging to the applicants for certification. Lots for which doubts or alerts of infringements in the sampling process exist shall also be covered by the checks. This check of samples shall not apply to the cases of automatic sampling.

(4) The portion of the lots of any applicant, which has been included in the 5 percent for the check-sampling, shall be in direct proportion to the number of lots which the applicant has included in the application for certification and to the number of species.

(5) Where it is established by the check-sampling referred to in paragraph 2 that the samples do

not characterise the seed lot (they are not representative of the lot) and this may lead or has led to laboratory test results which are not reliable for the lot and the actual indicators deviate from the allowable levels laid down in Annex No. 3:

1. the certification process or the certificate issued for the lot shall be annulled by the Executive Director of the IASAS;

2. (Amended, SG No. 30/2019, effective date 09.04.2019) the seed from this lot shall be recalled from the market by the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Forestry.

(6) Seed may be marketed where the check-sampling referred to in paragraph 2 establishes that the actual indicators of the lot are different from those of the tested samples drawn by an licensed sampler but they satisfy the conditions laid down in this Regulation.

Chapter Five

CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH SEED IS PLACED ON THE MARKET

Article 22. (1) Vegetable seed shall be placed on the market provided that it is certified as basic and certified seed and/or verified as standard seed.

(2) Seed of industrial chicory shall be marketed as basic seed or certified seed.

Article 23. (1) Seed of the pre-basic seed category may also be placed on the market if it is certified under the conditions for basic seed.

Article 24. (1) (Amended, SG No. 13/2007, effective date 09.02.2007) Seed which has been found in a field inspection to have the necessary varietal identity and purity and which is to be handled and certified may be placed on the market.

(2) The persons who have produced the seed referred to in paragraph 1 shall have a contract with the persons who buy the seed for handling, and the contract shall be made available to the IASAS for the purposes of certification and seed control.

Article 25. (New, SG No. 13/2007, effective date 09.02.2007, amended, SG No. 45/2007, effective date 01.07.2007) By way of derogation from the provisions of Articles 11 and 12 for seed produced in the country in accordance with Article 5 of Directive 2002/55/EC:

1. (Supplemented, SG, No. 13/2007, effective date 09.02.2007) the Executive Director of the IASAS may authorise the certification and marketing of basic seed of lower germination rate than the germination rate laid down in Annex No. 3 for the relevant crop in any of the following cases:

(a) germination as established in laboratory testing is not less than:

(aa) 65% for vegetable crops with minimum germination above 80% in accordance with Annex No. 3;

(bb) 60% for vegetable crops with minimum germination above 75% but not more than 80% in accordance with Annex No. 3;

(cc) 55% for vegetable crops with minimum germination above 70% but not more than 75% in accordance with Annex No. 3;

(dd) 50% for vegetable crops with minimum germination of 60 or 65% but not more than 70% in accordance with Annex No. 3;

(b) the actual germination of the seed is indicated on an adhesive sticker affixed on the official label referred to in Article 36 without covering the particulars thereon and bearing the name and address of the producer and/or trader and the identification number of the seed lot;

(c) the IASAS shall supervise the compliance with the conditions laid down in items (a) and (b);

2. Seed may be certified and marketed to the level of first buyer of seed of the categories of basic seed or certified seed, notwithstanding the fact that the official testing of the seed germination for the purposes of checking the compliance with the requirements laid down in Annex No. 3 has not been finalised, so as to ensure urgent placement of seed on the market or prevention of delays in the supply of seed, where the following conditions are satisfied:

(a) the applicant submits a letter to the IASAS on the need for urgent placement of the seed on

the market and the name and address of the first buyer;

(b) the seed is in the process of certification on the basis of a provisional seed laboratory testing document which the applicant makes available with the letter referred to in item (a);

(c) for the purposes of marketing the seed pursuant to item (b), the seed germination established in the laboratory tests is indicated on the special label, bearing the name and address of the applicant and the lot reference number.

(2) The certificate provided for in Article 32(2) shall be issued after the completion of the official testing of the usefulness of the seed to ensure the final certification.

(3) The provisions of paragraph 1 shall not apply to seed imported from third countries, save as otherwise provided in Article 42 in respect of seed multiplication outside the Community.

(4) (Amended, SG No. 13/2007, effective date 09.02.2007) The Executive Agency for Plant Variety Testing, Field Inspection and Seed Control shall provide administrative assistance to the competent authorities of the Member States making use of the derogations referred to in Article 1, which transpose Article 5 of Council Directive 2002/55/EC.

(5) (Supplemented, SG No. 45/2007, effective date 01.07.2007) Seed of the category of certified seed not satisfying the germination conditions laid down in Annex No. 3 may be marketed in accordance with Commission Regulation (EC) 217/2006 and the relevant EC decision referred to in Article 39 SPMA.

Article 26. (1) Seed other than the seed authorised for marketing under Articles 22 through 25 may be marketed within the territory of the country for the following purposes:

1. scientific purposes or selection work; or

2. experimental purposes - demonstration and/or production trials of varieties for which an application for inclusion has been submitted pending its inclusion in the Official Variety List of the Republic of Bulgaria.

(2) The authorisation of the marketing of the seed referred to in paragraph 1, subparagraph 2 in terms of designation, packaging, marking and quantities shall be established in accordance with EC Decision 2004/842.

(3) The Executive Director of the IASAS shall issue authorisations to persons within the territory of the country pursuant to paragraph 2 upon the submission of a request in the format approved by the Executive Director of the IASAS. A refusal to issue an authorisation shall be subject to appeal in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Code (APC).

Article 26a. (New, SG No. 92/2010, effective date 23.11.2010) (1) Seed of conservation varieties may be placed on the market provided that it satisfies the following conditions:

1. the seed has been produced in the region of origin or the region referred to in Article 60a(2);

2. the seed is placed on the market only in the region of origin.

(2) The IASAS may approve additional regions for marketing of seed of conservation varieties provided that it is true to the growth and development characteristics of the relevant variety.

(3) Where a region has been approved pursuant to paragraph 2, a certain quantity of seed shall be preserved for the purpose of conserving the variety in its region of origin in the amount needed for the production of vegetables on the number of hectares designated for the relevant species in Annex No. 9.

(4) The Executive Agency for Variety Testing, Field Inspection and Seed Control shall notify to the Commission and to the other Member States the additional regions referred to in paragraph 1.

(5) Paragraph 2 shall not apply to the cases of approved additional regions of production pursuant to Article 60a(2).

(6) The annual quantity of seed of each conservation variety shall not exceed the quantity needed for the production of vegetables on the number of hectares designated for the relevant species in Annex No. 9.

Article 26b. (New, SG No. 92/2010, effective date 23.11.2010) (1) Producers of seed of conservation varieties shall notify to the IASAS the size and location of the seed production

regions for each production season.

(2) Where the IASAS considers on the basis of the notification referred to in paragraph 1 that the quantities of seed under Article 26a(3) are likely to be exceeded, each producer shall be assigned a quantity to place on the market in the relevant production season.

Chapter Six

CONDITIONS TO BE MET BY THE SEED FOR THE PURPOSES OF CERTIFICATION, PACKAGING AND LABELLING

Section I.

Conditions for seed certification

Article 27. The Executive Agency for Plant Variety Testing, Field Inspection and Seed Control shall certify seed to establish:

1. the identity, varietal purity and health of the plants through a field inspection and/or laboratory testing for which such methods exist; and
2. the usefulness and health of the seed through laboratory testing.

Article 28. (1) The persons referred to in Article 28 SPMA shall submit an application for certification in the format approved by the Executive Director of the IASAS.

(2) The description of the genealogical (parent) components shall be kept confidential at a request of the applicant (breeder).

Article 29. (1) (Amended, SG No. 30/2019, effective date 09.04.2019) Field inspections shall be carried out to establish whether the seed crop satisfies the conditions laid down in Annex No. 2 in accordance with the methods approved by the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Forestry pursuant to Article 31(6) SPMA.

(2) The results of the field inspection shall be recorded in a field inspection statement in the format approved by the Executive Director of the IASAS.

Article 30. (1) (Amended, SG No. 30/2019, effective date 09.04.2019) Laboratory tests shall be carried out to establish whether the seed satisfies the conditions laid down in Annex No. 3 in accordance with the methods approved by the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Forestry pursuant to Article 31(8) SPMA, as established in the existing international methods of the International Seed Testing Association (ISTA) referred to in § 1(16) SPMA.

(2) (New, SG No. 92/2010, effective date 23.11.2010) Seed of conservation varieties and varieties developed for growing under particular conditions shall be tested in accordance with Article 31 to check the compliance with the requirements laid down in Article 14a.

(3) (Ex Paragraph 2, SG No. 92/2010, effective date 23.11.2010) The laboratory which has made the tests shall issue a document with the laboratory test results in the format approved by the Executive Director of the IASAS.

Article 31. (1) For the laboratory testing of seed for certification and for checking the varietal identity and purity of the seed through post-control, samples shall be drawn from the handled homogeneous lots. For post-control tests, samples shall also be drawn from standard seed lots.

(2) The maximum weight of the lots and the minimum weight of the samples, depending on the crop, are laid down in Annex No. 4.

(3) (Amended, SG No. 30/2019, effective date 09.04.2019) Sampling shall be carried out on the basis of methods approved by the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Forestry pursuant to Article 31(6) SPMA and in accordance with the ISTA international methods;

(4) Samplers shall make out a sampling statement in the format approved by the Executive Director of the IASAS.

Article 32. (1) The Executive Agency for Variety Testing, Field Inspections and Seed Control shall certify the seed which satisfies the conditions laid down in Annexes Nos. 2 and 3.

(2) The IASAS shall issue a certificate in the format approved by the Executive Director of the IASAS for the purposes of marketing the certified seed referred to in paragraph 1 in the categories under Articles 11 and 12.

Article 33. The persons under Article 28 SPMA who have applied for certification shall pay fees for the field inspections, sampling and laboratory testing in accordance with the rates referred to in Article 6(6) SPMA.

Section II. Packaging and labelling of seed

Article 34. (1) Basic seed and certified seed shall be marketed only in homogeneous lots and in closed and/or sealed packages which are marked and equipped with a closing/sealing system in accordance with Articles 35 and 36.

(2) (Amended, SG No. 30/2019, effective date 09.04.2019) Derogations from the provisions of paragraph 1 concerning the packaging, sealing and/or sealing and marking may be provided for the sale of seed to final users for own needs in written instructions approved by the Executive Director of the IASAS and made available to the producers eligible pursuant to Article 28(1) SPMA and to registered vegetable seed traders.

Article 35. (1) Packages of basic and certified seed potatoes shall be sealed officially in the presence of a person duly authorised by the Executive Director of IASAS or by the persons under under Article 28 SPMA under the supervision of the IASAS.

(2) Packages shall be sealed in such a manner that they cannot be opened without damaging the system of sealing or leaving evidence of tampering on either the official label provided for in Article 36 or on the package.

(3) To ensure the sealing of the packages, each sealing system shall include at least the official label provided for in Article 36 or a seal, except for the packages equipped with a single-use sealing system.

(4) Specific package sealing systems guaranteeing compliance with the conditions laid down in paragraphs 2 and 3 may be used in the country at an EC decision.

(5) (Amended, SG No. 13/2007, effective date 09.02.2007) Officially sealed packages shall not be re-sealed one or more times, except for the cases of a permission given by the IASAS and compliance with the provisions of paragraph 1.

(6) (Supplemented, SG No. 45/2007, effective date 01.07.2007) (36) If packages are resealed, the date of resealing (or the date of re-sampling) and the name of the authority responsible therefor - IASAS - shall be stated on the label referred to in Article 36.

(7) (New, SG No. 92/2010, effective date 23.11.2010) Seed of conservation varieties and varieties developed for growing under particular conditions shall be placed on the market in closed and sealed packages, whereby the sealing system shall include at least the label or a stamp affixed thereto.

(8) (New, SG No. 92/2010, effective date 23.11.2010) Packages referred to in paragraph 7 shall be sealed in such a manner that they cannot be opened without damaging the system of sealing or leaving evidence of tampering on the label or the packaging.

Article 36. (1) (Amended and supplemented, SG No. 13/2007, effective date 09.02.2007) Packages of basic and certified seed, except for small packages of certified seed, shall be labelled on the outside with an official label which has not been used before in accordance with the requirements laid down in Annex No. 5 The particulars on the label shall be written in an official language of the Community.

(2) When a label with a string-hole is used, its attachment shall be ensured in all cases with an official seal to guarantee the sealing system.

(3) The label may be placed inside transparent packages provided it can be read.

(4) The colour of the label shall be:

1. white for basic seed;
2. blue for certified seed.

(5) (Amended, SG No. 45/2007, effective date 01.07.2007) In the cases under Article 25(1)(1) in which basic seed does not satisfy the conditions for germination laid down in Annex No. 3, this fact shall be indicated on an adhesive sticker that does not cover the particulars on the label.

(6) The use of official adhesive labels on paper packages or packages of another suitable material shall be authorised.

(7) The particulars of the label may also be printed indelibly on the packages, depending on the model of the label under the supervision of the IASAS and under conditions laid down in an EC act.

(8) (New, SG No. 92/2010, effective date 23.11.2010) Packages or containers of seed of conservation varieties or seed of varieties developed for growing under particular conditions shall bear a supplier's and/or trader's label or an inscription shall be printed thereon, containing the particulars provided for in Annex No. 8.

(9) (New, SG No. 57/2020, effective date 26.06.2020) The official label shall contain the plant passport affixed clearly on the common label immediately above the official label and of the same width as the official label for the species for which regulated non-quarantine pests (RNQPs) have been provided for. The plant passport shall be issued by the BFSA or by the authorised operator(s).

Article 37. (1) (Amended, SG No. 45/2007, effective date 01.07.2007) Where the label is made of a material that is not tear resistant, packages of basic and certified seed shall be accompanied by an official document of a colour corresponding to the colour of the label for the relevant category and containing at least the mandatory particulars laid down in Annex No. 5, points (A)(I)(4), (5) and (6) for certified seed. This document shall be drawn up in such a manner that it cannot be confused with the official label referred to under Article 36.

(2) The document provided for in paragraph 1 shall not be necessary if the particulars are printed indelibly on the package or if an adhesive label or a label of tear resistant material is used.

Article 38. Packages of basic seed potatoes or certified seed may bear a supplier's and/or trader's label which shall be separate from the official label and contain information of the supplier and/or trader or the particulars are printed on the packaging in accordance with the relevant EC acts.

Article 39. In the case of a variety which has been genetically modified, any label or document, which accompanies the seed lot, shall indicate that the variety has been genetically modified.

Article 40. Chemical treatments of basic and certified seed with pest control products that are disseminated with the seed and deteriorate its quality shall be indicated on the official label or the producer's/trader's label or on the packaging itself.

Chapter Seven

CERTIFICATION, PACKAGING AND LABELLING OF SEED OF GENERATIONS PRIOR TO BASIC SEED ("PRE-BASIC SEED") FOR MARKETING PURPOSES (HEADING AMENDED, SG No. 45/2007, EFFECTIVE DATE 01.07.2007)

Article 41. (Amended, SG No. 45/2007, effective date 01.07.2007) Seed of generations prior to basic seed ("pre-basic seed") shall be certified, packaged and labelled in the cases under Article 14 provided that it satisfies the following conditions:

1. the seed has been inspected by the IASAS in accordance with the provisions on basic seed certification under Article 11;
2. the seed is packaged in accordance with the requirements laid down in this Regulation, and
3. the packages bear an official label, white in colour with a diagonal violet line, containing the particulars laid down in Annex No. 6.

Chapter Eight

CONDITIONS FOR THE PRODUCTION AND MARKETING OF SEED THAT IS NOT FINALLY CERTIFIED FOR THE PURPOSES OF ITS FINAL CERTIFICATION

Article 42. (1) The Republic of Bulgaria may be a country producing vegetable seed that is not finally certified or providing final certification to seed harvested and not finally certified in another Member State or a third country in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

(2) Where the harvesting and non-final certification of seed take place in an EU Member State (or the Republic of Bulgaria respectively), the following conditions shall be satisfied:

1. the seed shall be produced:

(a) from initial seed of the categories of basic seed, which has been officially certified in one or more EU Member States or a third country with its equivalence for this purpose by the EU Council at the proposal of the EC; or

(b) through cross breeding of basic seed officially certified in an EU Member State with basic seed officially certified in a third country with recognised equivalence;

2. the harvesting and non-final certification of the seed shall be carried out in an EU Member State (or the Republic of Bulgaria respectively) other than the Member State referred to in subparagraph 1(a) or (b) which has produced and certified the initial seed;

3. without prejudice to the provisions of this Regulation, certified seed, upon request, may be:

(a) officially certified in any Member State;

(b) certified as "certified seed" provided that:

(aa) the seed crop has been examined in a field inspection and has been found compliant with the requirements laid down in Annex No. 2 for the relevant category; and

(bb) the results of the official laboratory testing (conducted in the Member State referred to in subparagraph 3(a)) indicate compliance of the seed with the requirements laid down in Annex No. 3 for the relevant category.

(3) Where seed not finally certified is produced from initial seed officially certified from propagated seed prior to basic seed (pre-basic seed), the provisions of paragraph 2 shall apply and the seed not finally certified may be officially certified in the category of basic seed provided that it satisfies the conditions for that category.

(4) (Amended, SG No. 13/2007, effective date 09.02.2007) Vegetable seed harvested in the Community as not finally certified and designated for final certification in accordance with paragraphs 2 and 3 shall be:

1. packaged and labelled with an official label containing the particulars provided for in Annex No. 7 (A) and (B); and

2. accompanied by an official document containing the particulars provided for in Annex No. 7(B).

(5) The provisions of paragraph 4, subparagraph 1 on packaging and labelling may be waived if the authorities responsible for field inspections, those drawing up the documents for the certification of seeds which have not been finally certified and those responsible for certification are the same, or if they agree on exemption. The agreement of the authorities shall be certified in the contract (or another document) concluded between the Member States or the producers of seed which has not been finally certified and the applicants for final certification of the seed.

(6) Where the harvesting and non-final certification of seed take place in a third country, the following conditions shall be satisfied:

1. the seed shall be produced:

(a) (Amended, SG No. 45/2007, effective date 01.07.2007) from initial seed of the categories of basic seed, which has been officially certified in one or more EU Member States or a third country with its equivalence for this purpose by the EU Council at the proposal of the EC; or

(b) through cross breeding of basic seed officially certified in an EU Member State with basic seed officially certified in a third country with recognised equivalence;

- (2) the harvesting and non-final certification of seed take place in a third country;
3. non-finally certified seed, upon request, may be:
- (a) officially certified in any EU Member State (or the Republic of Bulgaria respectively) pursuant to subparagraph 1(a) or (b), which has harvested and certified the seed;
- (b) certified as "certified seed" provided that:
- (aa) the seed crop has been examined in an equivalent field inspection in the third country and has been found compliant with the requirements laid down in Annex No. 2 for the relevant category;
- (bb) the results of the official laboratory testing (conducted in the Member State) indicate compliance of the seed with the requirements laid down in Annex No. 3 for the relevant category.

Chapter Nine

STANDARD SEED

Article 43. Standard seed shall be produced and marketed provided that the following conditions are satisfied:

1. the seed is bred true to the variety as established in a field inspection carried out under the supervision of the producer or in laboratory testing for the crops for which laboratory testing methods exist; and
2. the seed satisfies the usefulness and health conditions laid down in Annex No. 3.

Article 44. (1) (Amended, SG No. 30/2019, effective date 09.04.2019) To ensure compliance with the requirements laid down in Article 43(1)(1), the minimum spatial isolation requirements laid down in Annex No. 2, at the producer's choice, as well as the vegetable seed field inspection methods approved by the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Forestry shall apply.

(2) Field inspections may be carried out officially by IASAS inspectors on request by the producer, for which a field inspection statement shall be issued in the format approved by the Executive Director of the IASAS.

Article 45. (1) To ensure compliance with the requirements laid down in Article 43(1)(2), seed shall be tested in a producer's laboratory referred to in Article 7(3) SPMA or an IASAS laboratory, or a laboratory referred to in Article 7(1) SPMA.

(2) (Amended, SG No. 30/2019, effective date 09.04.2019) The laboratory testing of the seed usefulness shall be carried out in accordance with the methods approved by the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Forestry. The laboratory concerned shall issue a document on the test results in the approved format.

Article 46. Producers and/or handlers of standard seed shall attest the varietal identity and purity of the seed and its compliance with the requirements laid down in Annex No. 3 with a corporate document.

Article 47. (1) To ensure the varietal identity and purity of the standard seed, the IASAS shall carry out post-control of samples of handled homogeneous lots of seed.

(2) (Amended, SG No. 30/2019, effective date 09.04.2019) The IASAS shall carry out post-control through growing trials based on the methods approved by the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Forestry or through laboratory testing of the crops for which laboratory testing methods exist and issue a varietal purity document in the format approved by the Executive Director of the IASAS.

Article 48. (1) Standard seed shall be handled in homogeneous lots with the lot size depending on the crop in accordance with Annex No. 4.

(2) The size of the samples for laboratory testing and post-control, depending on the crop, is specified in Annex No. 4.

Article 49. (1) Standard seed shall be marketed in closed and/or sealed packages with the relevant marking in accordance with Article 34(1), Article 35(2), (3) and (4), Article 36(1), (2) and (3) and Articles 38, 39 and 40, except for the provisions on the type and colour of the label of certified seed of all categories.

(2) To ensure the sealing, the producer's label referred to in paragraph 3 and seal made of lead or another suitable material or another equivalent sealing device (stamp) shall be affixed on the packaging by producers and/or handlers who are responsible for the sealing and labelling.

(3) (Supplemented, SG No. 45/2007, effective date 01.07.2007) A producer's label shall be affixed on the packages of standard seed with the particulars provided for in Annex No. 5(B) written in one of the official languages of the Community, whereby the particulars of the seed harvested and marketed within the territory of the country shall be written in the Bulgarian language. The particulars may be printed or stamped on the packaging.

(4) The colour of the label shall be dark yellow.

(5) Where the particulars of the producer's label have been printed or stamped on the packaging, they shall be clearly distinguishable from any other information indicated on the packaging or label, including the particulars referred to in Article 38.

Article 50. (1) Producers and/or handlers responsible for the labelling of packages of standard seed intended for marketing shall:

1. notify to the IASAS the beginning and end of labelling activities;
2. keep records of all lots of standard seed, storing and making available to the control authorities the records under Article 62 SPMA for at least three years;
3. retain a sample of the varieties intended only for standard seed production for verification purposes for at least two years;
4. take samples from each lot to be placed on the market and retain the samples for at least two years.

(2) The IASAS shall verify the compliance with the requirements laid down in paragraph 1, subparagraphs 2, 3 and 4 on the basis of random checks. The IASAS may test the samples stored by the persons referred to in paragraph 1 for seed control purposes.

(3) The obligation referred to in paragraph 1, subparagraph 3 shall apply only to producers.

(4) Producers may, at their choice, submit an application to the IASAS for check-testing of varieties used only for standard seed production with a view to the maintenance of the variety.

Article 51. Standard seed shall be produced and marketed within the territory of the country with the designation "standard seed extra" provided that the following conditions are satisfied:

1. the field inspections and laboratory testing of the seed have been carried out by the IASAS in accordance with Articles 27 to 31;
2. (Supplemented, SG No. 45/2007, effective date 01.07.2007) the standard seed which satisfies the conditions laid down in Annexes Nos. 2 and 3 for the category of certified seed is approved by the IASAS and an approval document is issued in the format approved by the Executive Director of the IASAS. The reference number of the document shall be indicated in the producer's corporate document;
3. the provisions of Article 50 apply;
4. the packaging and labelling of the seed are carried out in compliance with the conditions to be met by standard seed;
5. the label is issued by the producer and contains the particulars laid down in Annex No. 5(b), whereby the word "extra" may be added to the acronym "ST" if the producer so wishes.

Chapter Ten. SMALL PACKAGES

Article 52. (1) Certified and standard seed may be placed on the market in small packages.

(2) "Small EC packages" means packages containing seed with the following maximum net

weight:

1. up to 5 kg - seed of legumes;
2. (Amended, SG No. 45/2007, effective date 01.07.2007) up to 500 g - seed of onion, celery, asparagus, chard, beet, black radish, watermelon, pumpkin, courgette, carrot, radish, black root, spinach and corn salad;
3. up to 100 g - other vegetable seed.

(3) Small packages of basic seed may be placed on the market within the country provided that the conditions for packaging of basic seed are satisfied in accordance with Chapter Six, Section II (Articles, 35, 36, 39 and 40).

(4) Derogations from the provisions of Article 35 shall be allowed for small packages of basic seed sealed within the territory of the country in accordance with the relevant EC act.

Article 53. (1) Producers and/or handlers and/or traders referred to in Article 28 SPMA of small packages of certified seed shall submit an application to the territorial unit (TU) of the IASAS in the format approved by the Executive Director of the IASAS for the packaging of certain quantities of certified seed in small packages.

(2) Small packages of certified seed shall be sealed by the persons referred to in Article 28 SPMA, who are responsible for the identity of the seed in the small packages to that of the seed in the lot it has been drawn from under the supervision of the IASAS.

(3) The Executive Agency for Variety Testing, Field Inspection and Seed Control shall exercise control through persons duly authorised by the Executive Director of the IASAS to check the identity of the seed during the packaging of certified seed of the lot in small packages. A statement shall be drawn up for the conduct of the check and signed by the person authorised by the IASAS and an authorised representative of the producer of small packages.

(4) Packages shall be sealed in such a manner that they cannot be opened without damaging the system of sealing or leaving evidence of tampering on either the label provided for in Article 5 or on the package.

(5) (Supplemented, SG No. 45/2007, effective date 01.07.2007) A producer's label shall be affixed on the small packages of certified seed with the particulars provided for in Annex No. 5(B) written in one of the official languages of the Community, whereby the particulars of the seed harvested and marketed within the territory of the country shall be written in the Bulgarian language. The colour of the label shall be blue.

(6) The label may be placed inside transparent packages provided it can be read.

(7) The use of official adhesive labels on paper packages or packages of another suitable material shall be authorised.

(8) The particulars of the label provided for in Article 5 may be indelibly printed on the packages or stamped on the packaging in accordance with the model of the label.

(9) Where the particulars of the producer's label have been printed or stamped on the packaging of small packages of certified seed, they shall be clearly distinguishable from any other information indicated on the packaging or label, including the particulars referred to in Article 38.

(10) Small packages of certified seed shall not be reopened and resealed, unless this is permitted by the IASAS.

Article 54. (1) Small packages of standard seed shall be sealed by the persons referred to in Article 28 SPMA, who produce and/or handle standard seed in accordance with Chapter Eight and who are responsible for the identity of the seed in the small packages to that of the seed in the lot it has been drawn from.

(2) (Supplemented, SG No. 45/2007, effective date 01.07.2007, supplemented, SG No. 82/2008, effective date 19.09.2008) The label shall be dark yellow in colour and contain the relevant particulars provided for in Annex No. 5(B). The particulars shall be written on the label in the Bulgarian language for the seed produced within the territory of the country.

(3) The particulars of the label may be printed or stamped on the packages, depending on the model of the label.

(4) The provisions of Article 39 and 40 shall apply to standard seed of genetically modified varieties and chemically treated seed in small packages.

(5) Small packages of standard seed may also bear an additional label with details of the producer, which shall be different from the label referred to in paragraph 2, or the particulars of the additional label may be printed on the packaging. This requirement shall apply in accordance with the relevant EC act.

(6) Where the particulars provided for in paragraph 2 of the label of a producer of small packages of standard seed have been printed or stamped on the packaging of small packages of certified seed, they shall be clearly distinguishable from any other information indicated on the packaging or label, including the particulars on the additional label referred to in paragraph 5.

(7) Before the packaging of seed in small packages, producers and/or handlers and/or traders of small packages of standard seed shall notify the IASAS in writing thereof, specifying the species, variety, quantity of seed and type of packaging (net weight) for the purposes of the control exercised by the IASAS.

(8) The Executive Agency for Variety Testing, Field Inspection and Seed Control shall exercise control through random checks of producers of small packages of standard seed, including sampling for post-control purposes.

Article 55. (1) Small packages of mixtures of standard seed of different varieties of the same species shall be allowed.

(2) The conditions for the packaging under paragraph 1 with regard to the size of the small packages and the labelling shall be laid down in EC acts.

Article 56. Small packages of standard seed extra shall be produced and marketed in accordance with Articles 54 and 55.

Article 56a. (New, SG No. 92/2010, effective date 23.11.2010) Seed of varieties developed for growing under particular conditions shall be marketed in small packages, not exceeding the maximum net weight set out in Annex No. 10.

Chapter Eleven POST-CONTROL

Article 57. (1) The IASAS shall carry out post-control of vegetable seed to check the varietal identity and purity of the seed.

(2) For the purposes of the post-control referred to in paragraph 1, samples shall be drawn from handled seed lots prior to the finalisation of the seed certification. Samples for post-control purposes may be drawn also from seed placed on the market, for check-testing and in cases of doubt in the varietal identity and purity of the seed.

(3) (Amended, SG No. 30/2019, effective date 09.04.2019) Post-control shall be carried out through growing trials and/or laboratory methods which have been approved by the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Forestry in accordance with Article 37(4) SPMA.

(4) Post-control shall apply to:

1. all lots of pre-basic seed, basic seed, certified seed and standard seed;
2. all lots of standard seed extra;
3. seed of all categories checked by the IASAS after placement on the market;
4. (New, SG No. 92/2010, effective date 23.11.2010) all lots of seed of conservation varieties;
5. (New, SG No. 92/2010, effective date 23.11.2010) all lots of seed of varieties developed for growing under particular conditions;

(5) (New, SG No. 92/2010, effective date 23.11.2010) Post-control shall be carried out to check the varietal identity and purity of the seed referred to in Article 4(4) and (5) on a random basis through methods which have been approved by the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Forestry in

accordance with Article 37(4) SPMA.

(6) (Ex Paragraph 5, SG No. 92/2010, effective date 23.11.2010) Where seed is found in post-control to be compliant with the requirements for varietal identity and purity, a document on the varietal purity shall be issued by a person duly authorised by the Executive Director of the IASAS.

(7) (Ex Paragraph 6, SG No. 92/2010, effective date 23.11.2010) Where seed is found to be non-compliant with the requirements for varietal identity and purity, the certificate of the seed or the corporate document of the producer of standard seed shall be cancelled by the IASAS and the seed shall be withdrawn from the market.

(8) (Ex Paragraph 7, SG No. 92/2010, effective date 23.11.2010, repealed, SG No. 30/2019, effective date 09.04.2019).

Chapter Twelve

IMPORT OF SEED FROM THIRD COUNTRIES

Article 58. (1) Vegetable seed shall be imported in accordance with the SPMA.

(2) Where seed is imported from third countries pursuant to paragraph 1 and the quantity exceeds two kilograms, the label and/or the document accompanying the seed and/or another official document or the contract on the import of the seed shall contain the following particulars:

1. species - botanical name of the species;
2. variety;
3. category equivalent to the category of seed produced in the European Community;
4. country of production and official inspection authority;
5. country of dispatch;
6. importer - business name, company;
7. quantity of seed.

(3) (New, SG No. 13/2007, effective date 09.02.2007) The provisions of Article 37 of Directive 2002/55/EC shall apply to the import of seed from third countries.

Chapter Thirteen

SEED PRODUCED UNDER PARTICULAR CONDITIONS.

SEED OF PARTICULAR DESIGNATION

Article 59. (1) (Amended, SG No. 30/2019, effective date 09.04.2019) Seed of varieties or hybrids of vegetables may be produced organically and marketed in accordance with Regulation No. 5 of 3 September 2018 on the application of the rules for organic production, labelling and control and on the granting of authorisations to carry out monitoring of organic production rules and official post supervision of monitors (SG, No. 75 of 2018) and in accordance with the requirements to the categories of seed placed on the market, which are laid down in this Regulation.

(2) Vegetable seed may be treated chemically to protect it against pest.

(3) The particular conditions for marketing chemically treated seed and seed produced organically in accordance with paragraphs 1 and 2 shall be laid down in EC acts.

Article 60. (1) The production and marketing of seed of varieties or hybrids of vegetables to be used as plant genetic resources in regions of natural and semi-natural plant habitats subject to genetic erosion shall be allowed.

(2) For the purposes of paragraph 1, the production and marketing also of mixtures of seed of vegetable species in combination with other plant species included in the EU Catalogue and the Official Variety List of the Republic of Bulgaria respectively shall be allowed.

(3) The conditions for production and marketing of the seed referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 and the authorised quantities are to be laid down in EC acts issued for the territory of the country or the territory of the Community.

(4) The conditions referred to in paragraph 3 for the sustainable use of plant genetic resources may include requirements to the production and marketing of seed of:

1. wild landraces and varieties which have been traditionally grown in particular localities and regions and threatened by genetic erosion without prejudice to the provisions of Council Regulation (EC) No. 1 of 1467/94 June 20 on the conservation, characterisation, collection and utilisation of genetic resources in agriculture;
2. varieties with no intrinsic value for commercial crop production but developed for growing under particular conditions.

(5) The following requirements shall apply to the seed referred to in paragraph 4, subparagraph 1:

1. wild landraces and varieties shall be accepted in accordance with the provisions of Directive 2002/55/EC.
2. the results of unofficial tests and knowledge gained from practical experience during cultivation, reproduction and use and the detailed descriptions of the varieties and their relevant denominations, as notified to the Member State concerned, shall be taken into account for the acceptance of varieties of wild species referred to in subparagraph 1 and, if sufficient, shall result in exemption from the requirement of official examination.
3. upon the acceptance of a variety of such wild species, the variety shall be designated in the Common Catalogue of vegetable species as "a variety for conservation work".

Article 60a. (New, SG No. 92/2010, effective date 23.11.2010) (1) Seed of conservation varieties may be produced only in the region of origin.

(2) (Amended, SG No. 30/2019, effective date 09.04.2019) Where seed cannot be produced in the region referred to in paragraph 1 due to specific environmental problems, the IASAS may approve additional regions of seed production, taking into account the information in this respect from the MAFF. Seed produced in those additional regions shall be used exclusively in the region of origin.

(3) The Executive Agency for Variety Testing, Field Inspection and Seed Control shall notify to the Commission and to the other Member States the additional regions referred to in paragraph 2, for which a decision on their approval has been taken.

(4) If the EC or another Member State does not refer the issue for an opinion of the Standing Committee on Seeds and Propagating Material for Agriculture, Horticulture and Forestry within twenty days, the IASAS may approve the additional seed production regions referred to in paragraph 2.

Chapter Fourteen

CONTROL OF SEED PLACED ON THE MARKET

Article 61. (1) The IASAS shall control the vegetable seed produced and marketed in accordance with the SPMA.

(2) The control of the seed placed on the market shall be performed through random checks to ensure the compliance of the seed with the requirements laid down in this Regulation.

(3) (New, SG No. 92/2010, effective date 23.11.2010) When seed of conservation varieties and seed of varieties developed for growing under particular conditions is controlled, the variety, region of production and quantities of seed shall also be taken into account.

Article 62. (1) (Amended, SG No. 45/2007, effective date 01.07.2007) The Executive Agency for Plant Variety Testing, Field Inspection and Seed Control shall take part in comparative tests and trials of samples taken for post-control of vegetable seed marketed in accordance with Directive 2002/55/EC transposed with this Regulation, which are organised by the EC.

(2) The comparative tests and trials may include the following:

1. seed produced in third countries;
2. seed suitable for organic farming;
3. seed marketed in relation to its conservation in its natural environment and to its long-term use

and genetic plant resources.

Article 63. (1) (Amended, SG No. 30/2019, effective date 09.04.2019) In order to remove any temporary difficulties in the general supply of vegetable seed, the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Forestry may permit, for a specified period and in accordance with the relevant EC act, the marketing of certain quantities of seed:

1. deviating from the requirements of this Regulation, or
2. seed of varieties not included in the EU Common Catalogue or in the Official Variety List of the Republic of Bulgaria.

(2) The label of the seed under paragraph 1, subparagraph 1 shall bear the colour of the seed category for which the application for certification has been submitted and the real characteristics of the seed shall be exhibited in the label or on an adhesive sticker that does not cover the particulars on the label.

(3) The colour of the label under paragraph 1, subparagraph 2 shall be brown.

Article 64. (Amended, SG No. 30/2019, effective date 09.04.2019) The Minister of Agriculture, Food and Forestry, acting at the proposal of the IASAS, may request in writing full or partial release from the obligations under this Regulation by the EC in relation to species that are not typical and generally not produced and marketed within the territory of the country.

Article 65. The introduction of any additional restrictions with regard to the characteristics, conditions for testing, packaging and labelling of vegetable seed placed on the market other than those provided for in this Regulation shall not be allowed.

SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS

§ 1. For the purposes of this Regulation:

1) (Amended, SG No. 30/2019, effective date 09.04.2019) "Official sampler" means an official duly authorised by the Executive Director of the IASAS to draw samples of seed in accordance with this Regulation on the basis of the methods approved by the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Forestry pursuant to Article 31(6) SPMA.

2. "Automatic sampler" means a device mounted on a mechanical seed handling production line for automatic taking of samples.

3. (New, SG No. 13/2007, effective date 09.02.2007) "Pre-basic seed" means the seed of generations prior to basic seed.

4. (New, SG No. 92/2010, effective date 23.11.2010) "Variety developed for growing under particular conditions" means any variety developed for growing under particular agrotechnical, climatic or soil conditions.

5. (New, SG No. 92/2010, effective date 23.11.2010) "Conservation variety" means any variety traditionally grown in specific areas and regions and threatened by genetic erosion.

§ 2. The supply of vegetable seed by natural or legal persons on the basis of a contract for the production of agricultural raw materials intended for industrial use or re-propagation of seed for the same purpose, except for the cases under § 2 SPMA, shall not be considered to be marketing of seed potatoes provided that the persons providing these services/performing these activities do not become holders/owners of the seed supplied or of the products/yeild of such seed. Seed suppliers shall submit a copy of the contract to the IASAS. The conditions for the implementation of this provision shall be laid down in EC acts.

§ 3. (Supplemented, SG No. 13/2007, effective date 09.02.2007, amended and supplemented, SG No. 45/2007, effective date 01.07.2007, supplemented, SG No. 41/2010, effective date 01.06.2010, supplemented, SG No. 25/2017, effective date 01.04.2017, amended and supplemented, SG No. 17/2020, effective date 25.02.2020, amended and supplemented, SG No. 57/2020, effective date 26.06.2020, effective 63, amended and supplemented, SG No. 63/2020, effective date 17.07.2020) This Regulation transposes Council Directive 2002/55/EC of 13 June

2002 on the marketing of vegetable seed and Commission Directive 89/14/EEC of 15 December 1988 determining the groups of varieties of spinach beet and beetroot referred to crop isolation conditions of Annex I to Council Directive 70/458/EEC on the marketing of vegetable seed and Commission Directive 2006/124/EC of 5 December 2006 amending Council Directive 92/33/EEC on the marketing of vegetable propagating and planting material other than seed and Council Directive 2002/55/EC on the marketing of vegetable seed and Article 3 of Commission Directive 2009/74/EC of 26 June 2009 amending Council Directives 66/401/EEC, 66/402/EEC, 2002/55/EC and 2002/57/EC as regards the botanical names of plants, the scientific names of other organisms and certain Annexes to Directives 66/401/EEC, 66/402/EEC and 2002/57/EC in the light of developments of scientific and technical knowledge (OJ L 166 of 27.06.2009), Commission Implementing Directive (EU) 2016/317 of 3 March 2016 amending Council Directives 66/401/EEC, 66/402/EEC, 2002/54/EC, 2002/55/EC, 2002/56/EC and 2002/57/EC as regards the official label of seed packages (OJ L 60, 5.3.2016), 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, in Annex II to Council Directive 2008/72/EC and in the Annex to Commission Directive 93/61/EEC (OJ L 160, 18.06.2019), Commission Implementing Directive (EU) 2020/177 of 11 February 2020 amending Council Directives 66/401/EEC, 66/402/EEC, 68/193/EEC, 2002/55/EC, 2002/56/EC and 2002/57/EC, Commission Directives 93/49/EEC and 93/61/EEC and Implementing Directives 2014/21/EU and 2014/98/EU as regards pests of plants on seeds and other plant reproductive material (OJ L 41, 13.02.2020) and Commission Implementing Directive (EU) 2020/432 of 23 March 2020 amending Council Directive 2002/55/EC with regard to the definition of vegetables and the list of genera and species in Article 2(1)(b) (OJ L 88, 24.03.2020).

FINAL PROVISIONS

§ 4. This Regulation repeals Regulation No. 43 of 2003 on the production and marketing of vegetable seed (SG No. 103/2003).

§ 5. This Regulation is issued pursuant to Article 29(6)(6) of the Seed and Propagating Material Act.

§ 6. This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 January 2007.

Final Provisions

AMENDING REGULATION TO REGULATION No. 96 OF 2006 ON THE MARKETING OF VEGETABLE SEED ON THE MARKET OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

(PROMULGATED, SG No. 13/2007, EFFECTIVE DATE 09.02.2007)

§ 16. This Regulation shall enter into force on the day of its publication in the State Gazette.

Final Provisions

AMENDING REGULATION TO REGULATION No. 96 OF 2006 ON THE MARKETING OF VEGETABLE SEED ON THE MARKET OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

(PUBLISHED IN SG No. 45/2007, EFFECTIVE DATE 01.07.2007)

§ 25. This Act shall enter into force on 1 July 2007.

Final Provisions
AMENDING REGULATION TO REGULATION No. 96 OF 2006
ON THE MARKETING OF VEGETABLE SEED ON THE MARKET
OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

(PROMULGATED, SG No. 82/2008, EFFECTIVE DATE 19.09.2008)

§ 3. This Regulation shall enter into force on the day of its publication in the State Gazette.

Final Provisions
AMENDING REGULATION TO REGULATION No. 96 OF 2006
ON THE MARKETING OF VEGETABLE SEED ON THE MARKET
OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

(PROMULGATED, SG No. 41/2010, EFFECTIVE DATE 01.06.2010)

§5. This Regulation shall enter into force on the day of its publication in the State Gazette.

Supplementary Provisions
AMENDING REGULATION TO REGULATION No. 96 OF 2006
ON THE MARKETING OF VEGETABLE SEED ON THE MARKET
OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

(PROMULGATED, SG No. 92/ 2010, EFFECTIVE DATE 23.11.2010)

§ 15. This Regulation transposes Articles 10 through 20, Articles 26 through 32, Article 36 and Annexes I and II of Commission Directive 2009/145/EC providing for certain derogations, for acceptance of vegetable landraces and varieties which have been traditionally grown in particular localities and regions and are threatened by genetic erosion and of vegetable varieties with no intrinsic value for commercial crop production but developed for growing under particular conditions and for marketing of seed of those landraces and varieties.

§ 16. This Regulation shall enter into force on the day of its publication in the State Gazette.

Supplementary Provisions
AMENDING REGULATION TO REGULATION No. 96 OF 2006
ON THE MARKETING OF VEGETABLE SEED ON THE MARKET
OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

(PROMULGATED, SG No. 18/2014, EFFECTIVE DATE 04.03.2014)

§ 6. This Regulation transposes Commission Implementing Directive 2013/45/EU of 7 August 2013 amending Council Directives 2002/55/EC and 2008/72/EC and Commission Directive 2009/145/EC as regards the botanical name of tomato.

Final Provisions
AMENDING REGULATION TO REGULATION No. 96 OF 2006
ON THE MARKETING OF VEGETABLE SEED ON THE MARKET
OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

(PROMULGATED, SG No. 18/2014, EFFECTIVE DATE 04.03.2014)

§ 7. This Regulation shall enter into force on the day of its publication in the State Gazette.

Final Provisions
**AMENDING REGULATION TO REGULATION No. 21 OF 2007 ON THE
MARKETING OF CEREAL SEED WITHIN THE EUROPEAN UNION**

(PROMULGATED, SG No. 25/2017, EFFECTIVE DATE 01.04.2017)

§ 9. The Regulation shall enter into force on 1 April 2017.

Transitional and Final Provisions
**REGULATION No. 3 OF 28 MARCH 2019 SETTING OUT THE CONDITIONS AND
PROCEDURES FOR GRANTING AUTHORISATIONS TO PERSONS MARKETING
SEED FOR SCIENTIFIC PURPOSES OR SELECTION WORK AND SEED FOR
DEMONSTRATION AND/OR PRODUCTION TESTS AND TRIALS, THE ALLOWED
QUANTITIES THEREOF DEPENDING ON THE PLANT SPECIES, AND THE
PACKAGING AND LABELLING OF SEED**

§ 11. Regulation No. 96 of 2006 on the marketing of vegetable seed within the European Union (Promulgated, SG No. 71/2006; Amended, Nos. 13 and 45/2007, 82/2008, 41 and 92/2010, 18/2014 and 25/2017) shall be amended as follows:

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5. The words "Minister of Agriculture and Forestry" shall be replaced by the words "Minister of Agriculture, Food and Forestry" everywhere in the text.

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§ 15. This Regulation shall enter into force on the day of its publication in the State Gazette.

Final Provisions
**AMENDING REGULATION TO REGULATION No. 96 OF 2006
ON THE MARKETING OF VEGETABLE SEED ON THE MARKET
OF THE EUROPEAN UNION**

(PROMULGATED, SG No. 17/2020, EFFECTIVE DATE 25.02.2020)

§ 7. This Regulation shall enter into force on the date of its publication in the State Gazette, except for §§ 2, 3, 4 and 6(2) and (3) which shall enter into force on 1 July 2020.

Final Provisions
**AMENDING REGULATION TO REGULATION No. 99 OF 2006 ON THE
MARKETING OF FODDER PLANT SEED WITHIN THE EUROPEAN UNION**

(PROMULGATED, SG No. 57/2020, EFFECTIVE DATE 26.06.2020)

§ 15. This Regulation shall enter into force on the day of its publication in the State Gazette.

Final Provisions
**AMENDING REGULATION TO REGULATION No. 3 OF 2010 ON THE MARKETING
OF FRUIT PLANT SEED AND FRUIT PLANTS INTENDED FOR THE PRODUCTION
OF FRUIT FOR THE MARKET OF THE EUROPEAN UNION**

(PROMULGATED, SG No. 63/2020, EFFECTIVE DATE 17.07.2020)

§ 15. This Regulation shall enter into force on the day of its publication in the State Gazette.

Annex No. 1 to Article 1(2)

(Amended, SG No. 45/2007, effective date 01.07.2007, amended, SG No. 18/2014, effective date 04.03.2014, amended, SG No. 17/2020, effective date 01.07.2020)

List of vegetable genera and species

Allium cepa L.

- Cepa Group (Onion, Echalion)
- Aggregatum Group (Shallot)

Allium fistulosum L. (Bunching onion)

- all varieties

Allium porrum L. (Leek)

- all varieties

Allium sativum L. (Garlic)

- all varieties

Allium schoenoprasum L. (Chives)

- all varieties

Anthriscus cerefolium (L.) Hoffm. (Chervil)

- all varieties

Apium graveolens L.

- Celery Group
- Celeriac Group

Asparagus officinalis L. (Asparagus)

- all varieties

Beta vulgaris L.

- Garden Beet Group (Beetroot including Cheltenham beet)
- Leaf Beet Group (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)
- Savoy Cabbage Group
- Tronchuda Group (Portuguese cabbage)

Brassica rapa L.

- Chinese Cabbage Group
- Vegetable Turnip Group

Capsicum annuum L. (Chili, 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 ripe common squash and pattypan squash, or Courgette, including unripe pattypan squash)

- all varieties

Cynara cardunculus L.

- Globe Artichoke Group

- Cardoon Group

Daucus carota L. (Carrot and Fodder Carrot)—

- all varieties

Foeniculum vulgare Mill. (Fennel)

- Azoricum Group (Azoricum fennel)

Lactuca sativa L. (Lettuce)

- all varieties

Solanum lycopersicum L. (Tomato)

- all varieties

Petroselinum crispum (Mill.) Nyman ex A. W. Hill

- Leaf Parsley Group

- Turnip-rooted Parsley Group—

Phaseolus coccineus L. (Runner bean)

- all varieties

Phaseolus vulgaris L.

- Dwarf French Bean Group

- Climbing French Bean Group

Pisum sativum L.

- Round Pea Group

- Wrinkled Pea Group

- Sugar Pea Group

Raphanus sativus L.—

- Radish Group

- Black Radish Group

Rheum rhabarbarum L. (Rhubarb)

- all varieties

Scorzonera hispanica L. (Black Root)

- all varieties

Solanum melongena L. (Aubergine/Eggplant)

- all varieties

Spinacia oleracea L. (Spinach)

- all varieties

Valerianella locusta (L.) Laterr. Corn salad or Lamb's lettuce

- all varieties

Vicia faba L. (Broad bean)

- all varieties

Zea mays L.

- Sweet Corn Group

- Popcorn Group

All hybrids of the species and groups listed above.

Annex No. 2 to Article 11(13)

(Amended and supplemented, SG No. 13/2007, effective date 09.02.2007, amended and supplemented, SG No. 45/2007, effective date 01.07.2007, amended, SG No. 82/2008, effective date 19.09.2008, amended, SG No. 30/2019, effective date 09.04.2019, amended, SG No. 57/2020, effective date 26.06.2020)

Requirements to crops during field inspections

1. The crop and the relevant variety shall have the required varietal identity and purity.

(2) (Amended, SG No. 30/2019, effective date 09.04.2019) The requirements during field inspections and the methods applied, as well as the varietal purity as per crop are laid down in the methods of field inspection of vegetable seed crops approved by the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Forestry pursuant to Article 31(6) SPMA.

3. The number of inspections (examinations) of vegetable seed crops of the relevant categories, including hybrids and genealogical components, are set out in the the methods of field inspection of vegetable seed crops. The IASAS shall conduct at least one official inspection (examination) of basic seed. For certified seed at least one inspection (examination) shall be carried out, whereby at least 20% of the species shall be subject to official inspection by the IASAS and the other inspections may be carried out by the inspectors referred to in Article 6 SPMA.

4. The condition of the field and the vegetational phase of the crop shall be suitable for checking the varietal identity and purity and the health condition of the crop.

5. Crops shall comply with the following requirements for spatial isolation from neighbouring pollen sources to avoid undesired foreign pollination:

A. *Beta vulgaris*

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| 1) | from any pollen source (pollen) from the <i>Beta</i> genus other than those referred to in point 2; | 1000 m; |
| 2) | from pollen sources of varieties of the same subspecies belonging to the same group of varieties: | |
| | (a) for basic seed | 1000 m; |
| | (b) for certified seed | 600 m; |
| 3) | from pollen sources of varieties of the same subspecies belonging to the same group of varieties: | |
| | (a) for basic seed | 600 m; |
| | (b) for certified seed: | 300 m. |

Note. (Supplemented, SG No. 13/2007, effective 09.02.2007) The groups of varieties referred to in points 2 and 3 shall be established by the European Commission in accordance with the relevant procedure pursuant to the EU legislation as provided for in Article 46(2) of Directive 2002/55/EC.

B. Brassica species

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| 1) | from sources of foreign pollen liable to cause serious deterioration of varieties of <i>Brassica</i> species: | |
| | (a) for basic seed | 1000 m; |
| | (b) for certified seed: | 600 m; |
| 2) | from other sources of foreign pollen liable to cross with varieties of Brassica species: | |
| | (a) for basic seed | 500 m; |
| | (b) for certified seed: | 300 m. |

C. Industrial chicory

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| 1) | from other species of the same genera or subspecies | 1000 m; |
| 2) | from another variety of industrial chicory: | |

- (a) for basic seed 600 m;
 (b) for certified seed: 300 m.

D. Other species

- 1) from sources of foreign pollen liable to cause serious deterioration of varieties of other species as a result of cross-fertilisation:
 (a) for basic seed 500 m;
 (b) for certified seed 300 m;
- 2) from sources of foreign pollen which may cross-fertilise with the other species:
 (a) for basic seed 300 m;
 (b) for certified seed: 100 m.

Notes: (Amended and supplemented, SG No. 82/2008, effective date 19.09.2008)

1. These distances may be reduced (ignored) provided that there exists sufficient protection against undesired foreign pollen as provided for in the methods of field inspection of vegetable seed crops. The method of field inspection shall establish also the sources of foreign pollen for individual crops.

2. The spatial isolation of vegetable crops produced within the territory of the country with a view to ensuring sufficient protection against undesired foreign pollen shall be established in accordance with the methods of field inspection of vegetable seed crops approved by the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Forestry pursuant to Article 31(6) SPMA.

(6) (Amended, SG No. 57/2020, effective date 26.06.2020) The crop shall be practically free from any pests which reduce the usefulness and quality of the seed. Crops shall comply also with the requirements concerning Union quarantine pests, protected zone quarantine pests and regulated non-quarantine pests, which are provided for in the implementing acts adopted in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/2031 of the European Parliament of the Council of 26 October 2016 on protective measures against pests of plants, amending Regulations (EU) No. 228/2013, (EU) No. 652/2014 and (EU) No. 1143/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council and repealing Council Directives 69/464/EEC, 74/647/EEC, 93/85/EEC, 98/57/EC, 2000/29/EC, 2006/91/EC and 2007/33/EC (OJ L 317, 23.11.2016) and the measures referred to in Article 30(1) of Regulation (EU) 2016/2031.

(7) (New, SG No. 13/2007, effective 09.02.2007, amended, SG No. 45/2007, effective date 01.07.2007) The groups of varieties of the species *Beta vulgaris* L. var. *vulgaris* (chard) and *Beta vulgaris* L. var. *conditiva* Alef. (spinach beet) under points 2 and 3 shall be classified in accordance with Directive 89/14/EC.

Where the crop is of a genetically monogerm variety, multigerm varieties shall be regarded as belonging to a different group.

A. *Spinach beet (chard) (Beta vulgaris* L. var. *vulgaris*) shall be classified in five groups, according to its characteristics, as follows:

Groups	Characteristics
1.	White petiole and pale green leaf blade, without anthocyanin coloration.
2.	White petiole and medium or dark green leaf blade, without anthocyanin coloration.
3.	Green petiole and medium or dark green leaf blade, without anthocyanin coloration.
4.	Pink petiole and medium or dark green leaf blade.
5.	Red petiole and leaf blade with anthocyanin coloration.

B. Red beet (beetroot) (*Beta vulgaris* L. var. *conditiva* Alef. shall be classified in six groups, according to their characteristics, as follows:

Groups	Characteristics
1.	Transverse narrow elliptic or transverse elliptic shape of root longitudinal section and root flesh red or purple. Circular or broad elliptic shape of root longitudinal section and root flesh white.

2.	Circular or broad elliptic shape of root longitudinal section and root flesh white.
3.	Circular or broad elliptic shape of root longitudinal section and root flesh yellow.
4.	Circular or broad elliptic shape of root longitudinal section and root flesh red or purple.
5.	Narrow oblong shape of root longitudinal section and root flesh red or purple.
6.	Narrow obtriangular shape of root longitudinal section and root flesh red or purple.

Annex No. 3 to Article(11)(3)

(Amended, SG No. 45/2007, effective date 01.07.2007, supplemented, SG No. 41/2010, effective date 01.06.2010, amended, SG No. 18/2014, effective date 04.03.2014, amended, SG No. 30/2019, effective date 09.04.2019, amended, SG No. 17/2020, effective date 01.07.2020, amended, SG No. 57/2020, effective date 26.06.2020)

Conditions to be Satisfied by the Seed

(1) (Amended, SG No. 30/2019, effective date 09.04.2019) The seeds shall have sufficient varietal identity and varietal purity established during field inspections in accordance with the methods of field inspection of vegetable crops and/or laboratory testing for the crops for which such methods exist as approved by the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Forestry.

(2) (Amended, SG No. 57/2020, effective date 26.06.2020) Seed shall be practically free from any pests which reduce the usefulness and quality of the propagation material. The seed shall also comply with the requirements concerning Union quarantine pests, protected zone quarantine pests and RNQPs provided for in implementing acts adopted pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2016/2031, as well as with the measures adopted pursuant to Article 30(1) of that Regulation.

3. The seeds shall satisfy the following conditions:

(a) (Amended, SG No. 45/2007, effective date 01.07.2007, a SG No. 17/2020, effective date 01.07.2020) usefulness standards in accordance with the following table:

Types	Minimum analytical purity (% by weight)	Maximum content of seeds of other plant species (% by weight)	Minimum germination (% of pure seed)
1	2	3	4
<i>Allium cepa</i> - onion	97	0,5	70
<i>Allium fistulosum</i> - onion	97	0,5	65
<i>Allium porrum</i> - leek	97	0,5	65
<i>Allium sativum</i> L. - garlic	97	0,5	65
<i>Allium schoenoprasum</i> - chives	97	0,5	65
<i>Anthriscus cerefolium</i> (L.) - chervil	96	1	70
<i>Apium graveolens</i> - celery	97	1	70
<i>Asparagus officinalis</i> - asparagus	96	0,5	70
<i>Beta vulgaris</i> (Garden Beet Group)	97	0,5	50
<i>Beta vulgaris</i> (other than Garden Beet Group)	97	0,5	(clusters) 70
<i>Brassica oleracea</i> (Cauliflower Group)	97	1	70
<i>Brassica oleracea</i> (other than Cauliflower Group)	97	1	75
<i>Brassica rapa</i> (Chinese Cabbage Group)	97	1	75
<i>Brassica rapa</i> (Vegetable Turnip Group)	97	1	80
<i>Capsicum annuum</i>	97	0,5	65
<i>Cichorium intybus</i> (Witloof Chicory Group, Leaf Chicory)	95	1.5	65

Group)			
<i>Cichorium intybus</i> (Industrial (Root) Chicory Group)	97	1	80
<i>Cichorium endivia</i> - endive	95	1	65
<i>Citrullus lanatus</i> - watermelon	98	0.1	75
<i>Cucumis melo</i> - melon	98	0.1	75
<i>Cucumis sativus</i> - cucumbers; gherkins	98	0.1	80
<i>Cucurbita maxima</i> - gourd	98	0.1	80
<i>Cucurbita pepo</i> - courgettes	98	0.1	75
<i>Cynara cardunculus</i> - artichoke, cardoon	96	0,5	65
<i>Daucus carota</i> - carrot	95	1	65
<i>Foeniculum vulgare</i> - fennel	96	1	70
<i>Lactuca sativa</i> - lettuce	95	0,5	75
<i>Solanum lycopersicum</i> - tomato	97	0,5	75
<i>Petroselinum crispum</i> - parsley	97	1	65
<i>Phaseolus coccineus</i> - runner bean	98	0.1	80
<i>Phaseolus vulgaris</i> - dwarf French bean and climbing French bean	98	0.1	75
<i>Pisum sativum</i> - wrinkled, round, sugar pea	98	0.1	80
<i>Raphanus sativus</i> - radish	97	1	70
<i>Rheum rhabarbarum</i> - rhubarb	97	0,5	70
<i>Scorzonera hispanica</i> - black root	95	1	70
<i>Solanum melongena</i> - aubergine/eggplant	96	0,5	65
<i>Spinacia oleracea</i> L. - spinach	97	1	75
<i>Valerianella locusta</i> - corn salad	95	1	65
<i>Vicia faba</i> - broad bean	98	0.1	80
<i>Zea mays</i> - sweet corn, popcorn	98	0.1	85

(b) (Amended, SG 57/2020, effective date 26.06.2020) The presence of regulated non-quarantine pests (RNQPs) on vegetable seed shall, at least upon visual inspection, not exceed the respective thresholds set out in the following table:

Bacteria		
RNQP or symptoms caused by RNQP	Genus or species of the vegetable seed	Threshold for the presence of the RNQPs on the vegetable seed
<i>Clavibacter michiganensis</i> ssp. <i>michiganensis</i> (Smith) Davis et al. [CORBMI]	<i>Solanum lycopersicum</i> L.	0%
<i>Xanthomonas axonopodis</i> pv. <i>phaseoli</i> (Smith) Vauterin et al. [XANTPH]	<i>Phaseolus vulgaris</i> L.	0%
<i>Xanthomonas euvesicatoria</i> Jones et al. [XANTEU]	<i>Capsicum annuum</i> L., <i>Solanum lycopersicum</i> L.	0%
<i>Xanthomonas fuscans</i> subsp. <i>fuscans</i> Schaad et al. [XANTFF]	<i>Phaseolus vulgaris</i> L.	0%
<i>Xanthomonas gardneri</i> (ex Šutič 1957) Jones et al. [XANTGA]	<i>Capsicum annuum</i> L., <i>Solanum lycopersicum</i> L.	0%
<i>Xanthomonas perforans</i> Jones et al. [XANTPF]	<i>Capsicum annuum</i> L., <i>Solanum lycopersicum</i> L.	0%
<i>Xanthomonas vesicatoria</i> (ex Doidge) Vauterin et al. [XANTVE]	<i>Capsicum annuum</i> L., <i>Solanum lycopersicum</i> L.	0%
Insects and mites		
RNQP or symptoms caused by RNQP	Genus or species of the vegetable seed	Threshold for the presence of the RNQPs on the vegetable seed

<i>Acanthoscelides obtectus</i> (Say) [ACANOB]	<i>Phaseolus coccineus</i> L., <i>Phaseolus vulgaris</i> L.	0%
<i>Bruchus pisorum</i> (Linnaeus) [BRCHPI]	<i>Pisum sativum</i> L.	0%
<i>Bruchus rufimanus</i> Boheman [BRCHRU]	<i>Vicia faba</i> L.	0%
Nematodes		
RNQP or symptoms caused by RNQP	Genera or species of vegetable crops:	Threshold for the presence of the RNQPs on the vegetable seed
<i>Ditylenchus dipsaci</i> (Kuehn) Filipjev [DITYDI]	<i>Allium cepa</i> L., <i>Allium porrum</i> L.	0%
Viruses, viroids, virus-like diseases and phytoplasmas		
RNQP or symptoms caused by RNQP	Genus or species of the vegetable seed	Threshold for the presence of the RNQPs on the vegetable seed
PepiNo. mosaic virus [PEPMV0]	<i>Solanum lycopersicum</i> L.	0%
Potato spindle tuber viroid [PSTVD0]	<i>Capsicum annuum</i> L., <i>Solanum lycopersicum</i> L.	0%

(c) Other standards or conditions applicable where reference is made to them in the table under point (a):

In the case of varieties of *Zea mays* (Sweet corn – super-sweet types) the required minimum germination capacity is reduced to 80% of pure seed. The official label or the supplier's label, where appropriate, shall include the words 'Minimum germination capacity 80%'.

Annex 4 to Article 31(2)

(Amended, SG No. 45/2007, effective date 01.07.2007, SG No. 41/2010, effective date 01.06.2010, amended, SG No. 18/2014, effective date 04.03.2014, amended, SG No. 17/2020, effective date 01.07.2020)

Size (weight) of seed lots and samples

1. Maximum weight of a seed lot:

- (a) seeds of *Phaseolus coccineus*, *Phaseolus vulgaris*, *Pisum sativum* and *Vicia faba* - 30 t;
- (b) vegetable seeds of a size not less than a grain of wheat, other than *Phaseolus coccineus*, *Phaseolus vulgaris*, *Pisum sativum* and *Vicia faba* - 20 t;
- (c) vegetable seeds of a size smaller than a grain of wheat 10 t.

Note. The maximum lot weight shall not be exceeded by more than 5%.

(2) (Amended, SG No. 45/2007, effective date 01.07.2007, amended, SG No. 18/2014, effective date 04.03.2014, amended, SG No. 17/2020, effective date 01.07.2020) Minimum weight of samples:

Types	Minimum weight of a sample (in g)
<i>Allium cepa</i>	25
<i>Allium fistulosum</i>	15
<i>Allium porrum</i>	20
<i>Allium sativum</i>	20
<i>Allium schoenoprasum</i>	15
<i>Anthriscus cerefolium</i>	20
<i>Apium graveolens</i>	5

<i>Asparagus officinalis</i>	100
<i>Beta vulgaris</i>	100
<i>Brassica oleracea</i>	25
<i>Brassica rapa</i>	20
<i>Capsicum annuum</i>	40
<i>Cichorium intybus</i> (Witloof Chicory Group, Leaf Chicory Group)	15
<i>Cichorium intybus</i> (Industrial (Root) Chicory Group)	50
<i>Cichorium endivia</i>	15
<i>Citrullus lanatus</i>	250
<i>Cucumis melo</i>	100
<i>Cucumis sativus</i>	25
<i>Cucurbita maxima</i>	250
<i>Cucurbita pepo</i>	150
<i>Cynara cardunculus</i>	50
<i>Daucus carota</i>	10
<i>Foeniculum vulgare</i>	25
<i>Lactuca sativa</i>	10
<i>Solanum lycopersicum</i>	20
<i>Petroselinum crispum</i>	10
<i>Phaseolus coccineus</i>	1,000
<i>Phaseolus vulgaris</i>	700
<i>Pisum sativum</i>	500
<i>Raphanus sativus</i>	50
<i>Rheum rhabarbarum</i>	135
<i>Scorzonera hispanica</i>	30
<i>Solanum melogena</i>	20
<i>Spinacia oleracea</i>	75
<i>Valerianella locusta</i>	20
<i>Vicia faba</i>	1,000
<i>Zea mays</i>	1,000

Note. In the case of F-1 hybrid varieties of the above species, the minimum weight of the sample may be decreased to a quarter of the specified weight. However the sample must have a weight of at least 5 g and consist of at least 400 seeds.

Annex No. 5 Article 36(1), Article 37(1), Article 49(3), Article 53(5)
(Supplemented, SG No. 13/2007, effective date 09.02.2007, amended and supplemented, SG No. 45/2007, effective date 01.07.2007, supplemented, SG No. 25/2017, effective date 01.04.2017, supplemented, SG No. 57/2020, effective date 26.06.2020)

Label

A. Official Label

Basic seed and certified seed, excluding small packages

I. Mandatory Information

1. "EC rules and regulations";
2. (Amended, SG No. 13/2007, effective date 09.02.2007 г.) Certification (controlling) authority and Member State or their initials (acronyms - IASAS, Republic of Bulgaria (for the seed produced within the country);
- 2a. (New, SG No. 25/2017, effective date 01.04.2017) Officially assigned serial number;
3. Month and year of sealing expressed thus: 'Sealed ... (month and year)', or month and year of the last official sampling for the purposes of certification expressed thus: 'Sampled ... (month and year)';
4. Reference number of lot;
5. (Supplemented, SG No. 13/2007, effective date 09.02.2007) Species indicated at least in Roman characters, under its botanical name, which may be given in abridged form and without the authors' names, and its common name in Cyrillic characters (for the seed produced within the

country).

6. Variety, indicated at least in Roman characters.

7. Category;

8. Country of production;

9. Declared net or gross weight or declared number of seeds;

10. Where weight is indicated and granulated pesticides, pelleting substances or other solid additives are used, the nature of the additive and also the approximate ratio between the weight of clusters or pure seeds or total weight;

11. In the case of varieties which are hybrids or inbred lines:

(a) for basic seed: where the hybrid or inbred line to which the seed belongs has been officially accepted in the Common Catalogue of vegetable plant crops in accordance with Directive 2002/55/EC and/or the Official Variety List of the Republic of Bulgaria in accordance with this Regulation and Regulation No. 77 of 2006 on the procedure for acceptance for inclusion of new varieties of agricultural plant species in the Official Variety List of the Republic of Bulgaria and the Common Catalogue of the EU Member States:

(aa) the name of this component, under which it has been officially accepted, with or without reference to the final variety,

(bb) accompanied, in the case of hybrids or inbred lines which are intended solely as components for final varieties, by the word 'component',

(b) for basic seed in cases other than those referred to in point (a): the name of the component to which the basic seed belongs, which may be given in code form, accompanied by a reference to the final variety, with or without reference to its function (male or female), and accompanied by the word 'component';

(c) for certified seed: the name of the variety to which the seed belongs, accompanied by the word 'hybrid';

12. Where at least germination has been re-tested, the words 'germination retested ...'; (month and year), as well as the name of the re-testing service, shall be indicated; this information shall be indicated on a sticker affixed to the official label.

II. Minimum dimensions of labels

110 mm x 67 mm.

III. (New, SG No. 57/2020, effective 26.06.2020) Plant passport:

1. for movement within the Union territory:

(a) the words "plant passport" written in Bulgarian and in English divided by a slash in the upper-right corner of the common label;

(b) the Union logo printed in colour or in black-and-white in the upper-left corner of the common label;

2. for introduction and movement within protected zones:

(a) the words "plant passport - PZ" written in Bulgarian (ZZ) and in English (PZ) divided by a slash in the upper-right corner of the common label;

(b) the scientific name or code of the relevant quarantine pest(s) of significance for the protected zone immediately below these words;

(c) the Union logo printed in colour or in black-and-white in the upper-left corner of the common label;

B. Producer's label or particulars to be printed on the packages

For standard seed and small packages of certified seed

I. Required information:

1. "EC rules and standards" ("small EC packages for small packages);

2. Name and address of the person (producer of standard seed or small packages of certified seed) who is responsible for the packaging and labelling, or identification/registration number;

3. Marketing year of the sealing or of the last examination of germination (month and year). The end of the marketing year may be indicated.

4. Species, indicated at least in Roman characters;
 5. Variety, indicated at least in Roman characters.
 6. Category: in the case of small packages, certified seed may be marked with the letter 'C' and standard seed with the letters 'ST'.
 7. Identification (reference) number of the lot, which is assigned by the person under point 2 who is responsible for the packaging and labelling;
 8. Reference number of the lot of certified seed for small packages of certified seed;
 9. Declared net or gross weight or declared number of seeds, except for small packages of up to 500 grams;
 10. Where weight is indicated and granulated pesticides, pelleting substances or other solid additives are used, the nature of the additive and also the approximate ratio between the weight of clusters or pure seeds or total weight;
- II. Minimum dimensions of labels
110 mm x 67 mm (excluding small packages).

Annex No. 6 to Article 41(1)(3)

(Supplemented, SG No. 13/2007, effective date 09.02.2007, Heading amended, SG No. 45/2007, effective date 01.07.2007)

Label for pre-basic seed (seed of generations prior to basic seed)

A. Mandatory Information

1. (Supplemented, SG No. 13/2007, effective date 09.02.2007) State - Republic of Bulgaria (for seed produced within the country);
2. (Supplemented, SG No. 13/2007, effective date 09.02.2007) Controlling/certification authority - IASAS (for seed produced within the country);
3. (Supplemented, SG No. 13/2007, effective date 09.02.2007) Species, under its botanical name, indicated in Roman characters and in Cyrillic characters (for seed produced within the country);
4. (Supplemented, SG No. 13/2007, effective date 09.02.2007) Variety, under its botanical name, indicated in Roman characters and in Cyrillic characters (for seed produced within the country);
5. Designation "pre-basic seed";
6. Reference number of lot;
7. Date of sampling (month and year) for the purpose of certification;
8. Number of propagations prior to the seed of the category of certified seed.

B. Minimum dimensions of labels

110 mm x 67 mm.

Annex No. 7 to Article 42(4)(1) and (2)

(Supplemented, SG No. 13/2007, effective date 09.02.2007, supplemented, SG No. 25/2017, effective date 01.04.2017)

Label and documents provided in the case of seed not finally certified, harvested in another Member State

A. Mandatory information on the label:

1. (Amended, SG No. 13/2007, effective date 09.02.2007 г.) Certification (controlling) authority responsible for field inspections and Member State or their initials (acronyms) - IASAS, Republic of Bulgaria (for the seed produced within the country);
 - 1a. (New, SG No. 25/2017, effective date 01.04.2017) Officially assigned serial number;
2. (Supplemented, SG No. 13/2007, effective date 09.02.2007) Species indicated at least in

Roman characters, under its botanical name, which may be given in abridged form and without the authors' names, and its common name in Cyrillic characters (for the seed produced within the country).

3. Variety indicated at least in Roman characters; In the case of varieties which are hybrids or inbred lines, the word "component" shall be added;

4. Category;

5. In the case of hybrids, the word "hybrid" shall be added;

6. Reference number of lot;

7. Declared net or gross weight;

8. The words "seed not finally certified";

B. Colour of the label

The label shall be grey.

C. Mandatory information in the document:

1. (Supplemented, SG No. 13/2007, effective date 09.02.2007) Controlling/certification authority - IASAS (for seed produced within the country);

1a. (New, SG No. 25/2017, effective date 01.04.2017) Officially assigned serial number;

2. (Supplemented, SG No. 13/2007, effective date 09.02.2007) Species indicated at least in Roman characters, under its botanical name, which may be given in abridged form and without the authors' names, and its common name in Cyrillic characters (for the seed produced within the country).

3. Variety, indicated at least in Roman characters.

4. Category;

5. Reference number of the seed used to sow the field and name of the country or countries which certified that seed;

6. Field or lot reference number of the seed not finally certified;

7. Area cultivated for the production of the lot covered by the document;

8. Quantity of seed harvested and number of packages;

9. Attestation that the conditions to be satisfied by the crop from which the seed comes have been fulfilled;

10. Where appropriate, results of a preliminary seed analysis.

Annex No. 8 to Article 36(8)

(New, SG No. 92/2010, effective date 23.11.2010)

Mandatory information on the label of seed of a conservation variety and seed of a variety developed for growing under particular conditions

1. 'EC rules and standards';

2. Name and address of the person responsible for affixing the labels or his identification mark;

3. The year of sealing expressed as: 'Sealed ...' (year), or the year of the last sampling for the purposes of the last testing of germination expressed as: 'Sampled ...';

4. Species;

5. Conservation variety or variety developed for growing under particular conditions;

6. The words 'certified seed of a conservation variety', "standard seed of a conservation variety", or 'variety developed for growing under particular conditions';

7. For conservation varieties: the region of origin;

8. For conservation varieties: the region of seed production where it is different from the region of origin;

9. The reference number of the lot given by the person responsible for affixing the labels;

10. The declared net or gross weight, or declared number of seeds;

11. Where weight is indicated and granulated pesticides, pelleting substances or other solid

additives are used, the nature of the additive and also the approximate ratio between the weight of clusters or pure seeds and total weight.

Appendix No. 9 to Article 26a(3) and (6)

(New, SG No. 92/2010, effective date 23.11.2010, amended, SG No. 18/2014, effective date 04.03.2014)

Quantitative restrictions for the marketing of seed of conservation varieties

Botanical name - common name	Maximum number of hectares for production of vegetable per conservation varieties
1	2
<i>Allium cepa</i> L. — Cepa group	40
<i>Brassica oleracea</i> L. - Cabbage	
<i>Brassica rapa</i> L. – Chinese cabbage and Vegetable turnip	
<i>Capsicum annuum</i> L. - Pepper	
<i>Cichorium intybus</i> L. - Chicory	
<i>Cucumis melo</i> L. -Melon	
<i>Cucurbita maxima</i> Duchesne - Gourd	
<i>Cynara cardunculus</i> L. - Artichoke	
<i>Daucus carota</i> L. - Carrot	
<i>Lactuca sativa</i> L. - Lettuce	
<i>Solanum lycopersicum</i> L. - Tomato	
<i>Phaseolus vulgaris</i> L. - Bean	
<i>Pisum sativum</i> L. (partim) - Pea	
<i>Vicia faba</i> L. (partim) – Broad bean	
<i>Allium cepa</i> L. — Shallot (Aggregatum Group)	20
<i>Allium porrum</i> L. - Leek	
<i>Allium sativum</i> L. - Garlic	
<i>Beta vulgaris</i> L. – Spinach beet and chard	
<i>Citrullus lanatus</i> (Thunb.) Matsum. et Nakai - Watermelon	
<i>Cucumis sativus</i> - Cucumbers; Gherkins	
<i>Cucurbita pepo</i> L. - Courgette	
<i>Foeniculum vulgare</i> Mill. - Fennel	
<i>Solanum melongena</i> - Aubergine/Eggplant	
<i>Spinacia oleracea</i> L. - Spinach	
<i>Allium fistulosum</i> L. - Bunching onion	10
<i>Allium schoenoprasum</i> L. - Chives	
<i>Anthriscus cerefolium</i> (L.) Hoffm. - Chervil	
<i>Apium graveolens</i> L. - Celery	
<i>Asparagus officinalis</i> L. - Asparagus	
<i>Cichorium endivia</i> L. - Endive	
<i>Petroselinum crispum</i> (Mill.) Nyman ex A. W. Hill - Parsley	
<i>Phaseolus coccineus</i> L. - Runner bean	
<i>Raphanus sativus</i> - Radish	
<i>Rheum rhabarbarum</i> L. - Rhubarb	
<i>Scorzonera hispanica</i> L. - Black root	
<i>Valerianella locusta</i> (L.) Laterr. - Corn salad	
<i>Zea mays</i> - Sweet corn and Popcorn	

Annex No. 10 to Article 56a

(New, SG No. 92/2010, effective date 23.11.2010, amended, SG No. 18/2014, effective date 04.03.2014)

Maximum weight of packages of seed of varieties developed for growing under particular conditions

Botanical name 1	Maximum net weight per package expressed in grams 2
<i>Phaseolus coccineus</i> L. - Runner bean	250
<i>Phaseolus vulgaris</i> L. - Bean	
<i>Pisum sativum</i> L. (partim) - Pea	
<i>Vicia faba</i> L. (partim) – Broad bean	
<i>Spinacia oleracea</i> L. - Spinach	
<i>Zea mays</i> - Sweet corn and Popcorn	
<i>Allium cepa</i> L. (Cepa group and Shallot, Aggregatum group)	25
<i>Allium fistulosum</i> L. - Bunching onion	
<i>Allium porrum</i> L. - Leek	
<i>Allium sativum</i> L. - Garlic	
<i>Anthriscus cerefolium</i> (L.) Hoffm. - Chervil	
<i>Beta vulgaris</i> L. – Spinach beet and chard	
<i>Brassica rapa</i> L. – Chinese cabbage and Vegetable turnip	
<i>Cucumis sativus</i> - Cucumbers; Gherkins	
<i>Cucurbita maxima</i> Duchesne - Gourd	
<i>Cucurbita pepo</i> L. - Courgette	
<i>Daucus carota</i> L. - Carrot	
<i>Lactuca sativa</i> L. - Lettuce	
<i>Petroselinum crispum</i> (Mill.) Nyman ex A. W. Hill - Parsley	
<i>Raphanus sativus</i> - Radish	
<i>Scorzonera hispanica</i> - Black root	
<i>Valerianella locusta</i> (L.) Laterr. - Corn salad	
<i>Allium schoenoprasum</i> L. - Chives	5
<i>Apium graveolens</i> L. - Celery	
<i>Asparagus officinalis</i> L. - Asparagus	
<i>Brassica oleracea</i> L. - Cabbage (all)	
<i>Capsicum annuum</i> L. - Pepper	
<i>Cichorium endivia</i> L. - Endive	
<i>Cichorium intybus</i> L. - Chicory	
<i>Citrullus lanatus</i> (Thunb.) Matsum. et Nakai - Watermelon	
<i>Cucumis melo</i> L. -Melon	
<i>Cynara cardunculus</i> L. - Artichoke	
<i>Solanum lycopersicum</i> L. - Tomato	
<i>Foeniculum vulgare</i> Mill. - Fennel	
<i>Rheum rhabarbarum</i> L. - Rhubarb	
<i>Solanum melongena</i> - Aubergine/Eggplant	