STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2011 No. 351

SEEDS

The Seed Potatoes (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2011

Made - - - -	*6th October 2011*
Coming into operation	*16th November 2011*

The Department of Agriculture and Rural Development(**1**) makes the following Regulations, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 1(1) and (2A), 2 and 12(1) of the Seeds Act (Northern Ireland) 1965(**2**), Article 3(8) of the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1984(**3**) and being a Department designated(**4**) for the purposes of section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972(**5**) in relation to the common agriculture policy of the European Community, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by the said section 2(2), after consultation, in accordance with section 1(1) of the said Act of 1965, with representatives of such interests as appear to it to be concerned.

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as The Seed Potatoes (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2011 and shall come into operation on 16th November 2011.

Amendment to the Seed Potatoes Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2010

2. The Seed Potatoes Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2010(**6**) are amended in accordance with regulations 3 and 4.

Amendment of Schedule 2

3. In Schedule 2 (Classification: source material for planting, requirements and tolerances for the growing crop)—

(**1**) Formerly the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland; see S.I. 1999/283 (N.I.1), Article 3(4)
(**2**) 1965 c.22 (N.I.) as amended by S.R. & O.(N.I.) 1972 No.351 Art.3 and Schedule 3
(**3**) S.I. 1984/702 (N.I. 2)
(**4**) S.I. 2000/2812
(**5**) 1972 c.68
(**6**) S.R. 2010 No.350

(a) In Table 1 (pre-basic seed potatoes) for the entries in relation to "Pre-basic TC (Tissue Culture)" and "Pre-basic 1" in Column 4 (Tolerances), after "(v) Blackleg — nil" insert "(vi) *Dickeya* spp.—nil"; and

(b) In Table 2 (basic seed potatoes)—

(i) For the entry in relation to "Super Elite Seed (SE) SE 1" in column 4 (Tolerances), after "(iv) Blackleg—0.25%" insert "(v) *Dickeya* spp.—nil";

(ii) For the entry in relation to "Elite Seed (E) E" in column 4 (Tolerances), after "(iii) Blackleg—0.5%" insert "(iv) *Dickeya* spp.—nil"; and

(iii) For the entry in relation to "Class A Seed A" in column 4 (Tolerances), after "(iii) Blackleg—1.0%", insert "(iv) *Dickeya* spp.—nil".

Amendment of Schedule 6

4. In Schedule 6 (Tolerances for diseases, pests, damages and defects in seed potato tubers) —

(a) In Table 1 (pre-basic tissue culture class), Group 2, insert the following new row under "Blackleg (*Pectobacterium* spp.)—NIL"—

Dickeya spp.	NIL

(b) In Table 2 (pre-basic 1 to pre-basic 4 class and equivalent (Northern Ireland) and other parts of the UK), Group 2, insert the following new row under "Blackleg (*Pectobacterium* spp)"—

Dickeya spp.	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL

(c) In Table 3 (basic seed potato classes and equivalent, including test and trial seed potatoes and conservation variety seed potatoes (Northern Ireland and other parts of the UK)), Group 2, Column 1 for "Blackleg (*Erwinia carotovora* (Jones)) Bergey *et al.* ssp. *atroseptica (*Helmers & Dowson) Dye) or Dickeya *dadantii* (*Erwinia chrysanthemi*)", substitute "Blackleg (*Pectobacterium* spp.)", and insert the following new row under "Blackleg (*Pectobacterium* spp.)"—

Dickeya spp.	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL

(d) In Table 4 (basic seed potatoes produced outside the UK), Group 2, insert the following new row under "Dry Rot (*Fusarium species*) and Wet Rot"—

Dickeya spp.	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL