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AGRICULTURE

Seeds

REGULATIONS, DATED 7TH JUNE 1973, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE UNDER SECTION 1 OF THE SEEDS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1965.

The Ministry of Agriculture, on behalf of the Secretary of State and in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 1 of the Seeds Act (Northern Ireland) 1965(**a**) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf and after consultation with representatives of such interests as appear to be concerned hereby makes the following Regulations:—

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Seeds (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1973 and shall come into operation on 7th June 1973.

Amendment of Seeds Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1971

2. In Regulation 3 of the Seeds Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1971(**b**) (hereinafter referred to as "the Principal Regulations"), at the end of the definition of "prohibited weeds" there shall be added the words "being weeds capable of causing injury to agriculture in Northern Ireland;".

3. For Regulations 7 and 8 of the Principal Regulations the following shall be substituted:—

"**7.** Tests of seeds for the purposes of these Regulations shall be carried out by an authorised officer at a recognised seed testing station. Samples of seeds for the purposes of such tests shall be taken in accordance with the Ninth Schedule.

8.—(1) Subject to this regulation where on a test carried out in accordance with these regulations on seeds intended to be imported or removed into Northern Ireland there is found to be present any seed of prohibited weeds no person shall import or remove into Northern Ireland or sell or offer or expose for sale any seeds a sample of which has been so tested.

(2) For the purposes of paragraph (1) the presence of not more than one seed of prohibited weeds in one half of a sample of 1 kilogram shall be disregarded provided the other half of the sample is free of the seed of any prohibited weed.

(3) Subject to the foregoing provisions of this Regulation where on a test carried out in accordance with these Regulations on seeds produced in Northern Ireland there is found to be any seed of prohibited weeds, no person shall sell or offer or expose for sale any seeds a sample of which has been so tested."

4. For paragraph 7(7) of the Ninth Schedule to the Principal Regulations there shall be substituted the following:—

(**a**) 1965. c. 22 (N.I.). (**b**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1971, No. 305.