



**To: Registered Merchants
Processors and Packers in Scotland
E and W Applicants in Scotland
Scottish Licensed Seed Testing Stations
UKASTA (Scotland), NFU (Scotland)
SSNTA, STSGA, MAFF, DANI, NAWAD
SERAD and Interested Organisations**

SEED CERT: EC 101

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CHANGES TO SEED CERTIFICATION FORMS

◆ Changes to Forms SDG1, SDG5 and SDG9A

The three Forms noted above have been revised to include a provision to identify whether or not applications relate to genetically modified varieties or genetically modified components of a hybrid variety. These are:-

- Registration of cereal seed lots for crop production in Scotland - Form SDG1. The code for this Form has been changed from SDC1 to SDG1, to allow for all-species use. **[NB: Use of this Form will continue for all crop species in Scotland.]**
- Request for sampling and Testing - Form SDG5. This Form has the signed declaration on the “back copy” and these “back copies” must now be sent to the Certifying Authority at SASA by the following dates: Winter varieties - 30 November; Spring varieties - 1 June, of the year in which sampling took place.
- Application for Official Labels for Breeder’s Pre-basic, Basic and OECD seed and Breeder’s confirmation labels (Breeder’s, Pre-Basic and Basic seed) - Form SDG9A.

Applicants must use these three new Forms for all future certification applications. If an older version of either Form is used, you will be sent a new Form which will have to be signed and returned to SASA.

Other Scottish certification Forms (SDG2, SDG2A, SDG4A and SDG7) have also been revised, and new supplies will be issued to all applicants in the near future.

Supplies of all Seed Certification Forms, including the revised SDC1, SDG5 and SDG9A, can be obtained from Kate Flinn at SASA on telephone 0131-244-8833; Fax 0131-244-8966.

◆ **Verification of Imported Herbage Seed at Higher Voluntary Standard (HVS)**

Companies are reminded that all imported Herbage seed to be marketed in the United Kingdom at HVS **must** have been authorised by the relevant Certifying Authority. In Scotland, Form SDH4 (Application for certification of imported Herbage seed of Higher Voluntary Standard) must be submitted to SASA with the appropriate documents, as specified on the Form. There is no fee payable for this service.

Further information on this procedure and copies of Form SDH4 can be obtained from Ken Pearson at the above address on telephone 0131-244-8885.

If you have any questions about this letter, please contact me on the number above.

Yours sincerely

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