



**To: Registered Merchants,
Packers and Processors**

Our ref: SEED CERT EC96

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OFFICIAL SEED CERTIFICATION SEALS

The supply of official seed certification seals until 31 December 2002 has been awarded to E J Brooks (Europe) Ltd.

The price of seals, which will remain fixed until August 2000, is **£36 per 1000** seals. This represents a 20% reduction on the cost of the seals currently supplied.

Orders may be placed with E J Brooks (Europe) Ltd from **1 September 1998** and should be sent to:

Mrs Jackie Ball
E J Brooks (Europe) Ltd
6 The Metro Centre
Orpington
KENT, BR5 2BE

Tel: 01689 836331
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Orders must be for a minimum of 1000 seals and should be supplied within 48 hours of receipt of order.

TESTING ARRANGEMENTS FOR ASCOCHYTA FABAE

Following consultation with interested industry organisations it has been agreed to retain the marketing standard for *Ascochyta fabae* in Pre-Basic, Basic and C1 field bean seed. This extension, implemented by General Licence 98/2, continues until 31 March 2001 unless revoked earlier.

This means that *Ascochyta fabae* testing may continue to be undertaken by a Licensed Seed Testing Station and other private laboratories, rather than at the Official Seed Testing Station. However, this change to the regulations does not remove the requirement for seed to reach the standards set out in Schedule 4 Part II paragraph 4 of the Fodder Plant Seed Regulations 1993 (*as amended*).

Yours sincerely

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