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PLANT IMPROVEMENT ACT, 1976
(ACT No. 53 OF 1976)

SOUTH AFRICAN SEED POTATO CERTIFICATION SCHEME: AMENDMENT

I, Lulama Xingwana, Minister of Agriculture, acting under section 23 of the Plant Improvement Act, 1976 (Act No. 53 of 1976), hereby amend the South African Seed Potato Certification Scheme published under Government Notice No. R. 664 of 15 May 1998, to the extent set out in the Schedule.

L. XINGWANA,

Minister of Agriculture

SCHEDULE

Definition

1. In this Schedule "the Scheme" means the South African Seed Potato Certification Scheme published under Government Notice No. R 664 of 15 May 1998, and amended by Government Notices Nos. R. 1206 of 1 December 2000 (as corrected by Government Notice No. R. 40 of 19 January 2001) and R. 1382 of 8 November 2002.

Amendment of section 5 of the Scheme

2. Section 5 of the Scheme is hereby amended by the substitution for the expression "10" in paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of the expression "6".

Amendment of section 6 of the Scheme

3. Section 6 of the Scheme is hereby amended by the substitution for subsection (1) of the following subsection:

"(1) Units shall, subject to the provisions of subsection (2), be isolated from one another by an area within in which no plants shall occur and consist of at least:

(i) 2 meters or a non-planted row in the case of different varieties;
or

(ii) 1 meter or a non-planted row in the case of different generations of the same variety."

Amendment of section 10 of the Scheme

4. Section 10 of the Scheme is hereby amended –

- (a) by the deletion of the expression “insect and” in subparagraph (iii) of paragraph (2) of subsection (1); and
- (b) by the insertion of the expression “GO in subsection 2.

Amendment of section 12 of the Scheme

5. Section 12 of the Scheme is hereby amended –

- (a) by the substitution for the expression “(d)” in subsection (4) of the expression “(b)”;
- (b) by the insertion of the following subsection immediately after subsection (8):

“(9) All labels and “weigh bills” with regard to seed potatoes that have been planted on a unit, shall upon request of the authority, be made available in order to verify the origin of the seed.”.

Amendment of section 18 of the Scheme

6. Section 18 of the scheme is hereby amended –

- (a) by the substitution for the expression “4” in subparagraph (ii) of paragraph (d) of subsection (1) with the expression “2”;
- (b) by the insertion of the expression “; and” at the end of subparagraph (iii) of paragraph (d) of subsection (1);
- (c) by the substitution for subparagraph (iv) of paragraph (d) of subsection (1) of the following subparagraph:

“(iv) **G4 ,G5 ,G6 ,G7** and G8 seed potatoes, be 200 tubers per 5 hectares or a portion thereof; and”;
- (d) by the deletion of subparagraph (v) of paragraph (d) of subsection (1);
- (e) by the substitution for paragraph (e) of subsection (1) of the following paragraph:

“(e) the grower may request in writing that the sample size applicable to **G3** seed potatoes referred to in paragraph (iii), be taken for **G4 ,G5 ,G6 , G7** and **G8** seed potatoes; and”;
- (9) by the insertion of the following paragraph immediately after paragraph (e):

- “(f) in the case of greenhouse plantings the grower may request in writing prior to registration that leaf samples be taken and tested in accordance with the prescriptions of the protocol for the presence of viruses instead of testing tubers.”.

Amendment of section 19 of the Scheme

7. Section 19 of the Scheme is hereby amended by the substitution for subsection 4 of the following subsection:

“(4) Pending the results of the tests, the identity of the containers shall be confirmed by an attached label.”.

Amendment of section 20 of the Scheme

8. Section 20 of the Scheme is hereby amended –

- (a) by the substitution for the expression “G4” in subparagraph (i) of paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of the expression “G8”;
- (b) by the deletion of subparagraph (ii) of paragraph (a) of subsection (3); and
- (c) by the insertion of the following subsection immediately after subsection (4):
- “(5) Post-control samples shall be taken from at least 25 x 25kg containers, and where more than 5 000 x 25kg containers are presented, be taken from at least 50 x 25kg containers.”.

Amendment of section 22 of the Scheme

9. Section 22 of the Scheme is hereby amended –

- (a) by the substitution for paragraph (d) of subsection (2) of the following paragraph:
- “(d) it is not kept or handled simultaneously in the same store with potatoes not intended for certification; and “ and
- (b) by the insertion of the following paragraph immediately after paragraph (d):
- “(e) if potatoes for certification will be handled in the same store, the store and all apparatus shall be treated with a suitable agent to the satisfaction of the authority, prior to the handling and sorting of seed potatoes intended for certification.”.

Amendment of section 23 of the Scheme

10. Section 23 of the Scheme is hereby amended by –

- (a) the deletion of the expression “insect and” in paragraph (l) of subsection (1); and
- (b) the substitution for paragraph (m) of subsection (1) of the following paragraph:

“(m) the seed potatoes have been classified in accordance to the class requirements specified in Tables 5 and 6 of the Annexure: Provided that the classification as Class Elite be awarded only to seed lots of which the virus content, according to the laboratory result of a field sample, is less than or equal to 2.5%; and”

Substitution of section 25 of the Scheme

11. The following section is hereby substituted for section 25 of the Scheme:

“25.(1) Each container of seed potatoes shall be provided with a self-sealing label that is obtainable from the authority.

(2) The colour of the label for Class Elite and Class 1, shall in the case of -

- (a) G0 seed potatoes, be gold;
- (b) G1 seed potatoes, be red;
- (c) G2 seed potatoes, be yellow;
- (d) G3 seed potatoes, be purple;
- (e) G4 seed potatoes, be green,
- (9) G5 seed potatoes, be white;
- (g) G6 seed potatoes, be pink;
- (h) G7 seed potatoes, be orange; and
- (i) G8 seed potatoes, be blue.

(3) The colour of the label indicating Standard Class shall for all generations be white with a blue vertical band at the right end of the label.

(4) All G1 to G8 labels shall be printed with a green Class 1 classification.

(5) Class Elite stickers shall in the case of Class Elite quality sorting, be provided by the authority.

(6) Upon completion of inspection, the grower shall immediately affix the labels supplied to him to the containers in a manner determined by the authority.

(7) No particulars other than those required by the authority shall appear on such label.

(8) Growers shall provide an additional label on the containers in which seed potatoes are packed with the following information-

- (a) the variety concerned;
- (b) the date of packing;
- (c) the code number of the grower as allocated by the authority;
- (d) name of the grower; and
- (e) the mass of the container at the time of packing

(9) The letters and figures used to indicate particulars on the label referred to in subsection (8) shall be -

- (a) of a letter type that is clearly legible;
- (b) of a colour that is in clear contrast with the colour of the label on which it appears;
- (c) entered indelibly.

(10) The label referred to in subsection (8) shall be approved by the authority prior to the use thereof.

(11) The label referred to in subsection (8) shall be attached to all containers presented for inspection by the grower prior to inspection by the authority.

(12) No information shall be contained on the label referred to in subsection (8) that shall -

- (a) create a false or misleading impression with regard to the certification of the seed potatoes concerned; or
- (b) be untrue, inaccurate or vague with regard to the seed potatoes or the grower."

Amendment of section 28 of the Scheme

12. Section 28 of the Scheme is hereby amended by the substitution for subsection 5 of the following subsection:

- "(5) The self-adhesive sticker referred to in subsection 25(5) shall -

- (a) be of a type that cannot be removed or re-used without being damaged; and
- (b) in the case of Class Elite, be red.”

Amendment of section 30 of the Scheme

13. Section 30 of the Scheme is hereby amended by the substitution for paragraph (a) of subsection 3 of the following paragraph:

- “(a) remove and destroy the labels referred to in section 25(6) and 28(4) from the containers of seed potatoes in respect of which certification has been withdrawn and is still in his or her possession;”.

Amendment of section 35 of the Scheme

14. Section 35 of the Scheme is hereby amended by the substitution for subsection (2) of the following subsection:

- “(2) Information pertaining to the regional office referred to in subsection (1) shall be obtained from –

The Executive Chairman
Independent Certification Council for Seed Potatoes
Private Bag X135
PRETORIA
0001

Telephone number: (012) 349 1910
Fax number: (012) 349 1909
e-mail address: ASD@agric.co.za”

Substitution of Table 3 of the Scheme

15. The table in Annexure A is hereby substituted for Table 3 of the Scheme.

Substitution of Table 4 of the Scheme

16. The table in Annexure B is hereby substituted for Table 4 of the Scheme.

Substitution of Table 6 of the Scheme

17. The table in Annexure C is hereby substituted for Table 6 of the Scheme.