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## Chapter 1 GENERAL PROVISIONS

### § 1. Scope of regulation

The decree establishes the seed categories of sugar and fodder beet seed belonging to the species *Beta vulgaris L. and the variety intended for the preservation of genetic resources (hereinafter conservation variety)* and their quality requirements, production requirements, certification procedure and requirements, list of certified species, content requirements and validity period of the document certifying seed certification, requirements for seed packaging, packaging and sales package sealing, and seed sales package and lot labeling requirements, the procedure for issuing documents certifying certification or inspection, and requirements for the content and form of labels, requirements for marketing, requirements for the label and accompanying documents of a batch of seed that has not yet been certified, requirements for the production and marketing of organic heterogeneous beet seed, and requirements for the frequency and extent of state supervision.  
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## Chapter 2 BEET SEED CATEGORIES

### § 2. Beet seed categories and their designations

- (1) A seed of the super elite seed category with the designation SE is a seed that:
- 1) is produced under the responsibility of the owner or keeper of the variety and according to the methods prescribed for the preservation of the variety;
  - 2) is intended for the production of elite seed or for the production of certified seed category seed based on the written request of the

owner, representative or keeper of the variety;

- 3) meets the field recognition and quality requirements established for super elite seed;
- 4) is certified.

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(2) A seed of the elite seed category with the designation E is a seed that:

- 1) is produced from super elite seed or the seed of the generation preceding the generation of the super elite seed under the responsibility of the owner or preserver of the variety and according to the methods prescribed for the preservation of the variety;
- 2) is intended for the production of certified seed;
- 3) meets the field recognition and quality requirements established for elite seed;
- 4) is certified.

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(3) Certified seed category seed marked C is seed that:

- 1) is produced from elite seed;
- 2) is intended for beet production;
- 3) meets the field recognition and quality requirements established for certified seed;
- 4) is certified.

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(4) Seed of the storage variety marked GR is beet seed that:

- 1) is true to variety and pure;
- 2) has been produced in accordance with recognized practices for the preservation of the variety;
- 3) is intended for beet production;
- 4) meets the field recognition and quality requirements established for the seed of the conservation variety;
- 5) is certified by the manufacturer.

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### § 3. Beet seeds

- (1) Monoseed is a proper one-seeded beet seed.
- (2) A precision sowing seed is a suitable seed intended for use in a precision sowing machine.

## Chapter 3 BEET SEED PRODUCTION AND CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

### § 4. Beet seed quality requirements

(1) The quality requirements of beet seed are as follows:

Jrk no	Species name	Minimum analytical <sup>2</sup> purity (%)	Minimum germination (%)	Maximum moisture content <sup>2</sup> in the seed (%)
1.	Sugar beet:			
	monosem	97	80	15
	precision sowing seed	97	75	15
	multi-seeded seed of a variety with more than 85% diploidy	97	73	15
	seed other than mono or precision seed	97	68	15
2.	Fodder beet:			
	seed with multi-seeded fruit of a variety with greater than 85% diploidy, monoseed, precision sowing seed	97	73	15
	other seed	97	68	15

(2) The content of seeds of other species in a batch of beet seed may not exceed 0.3%.

(3) The requirements for monoseed are as follows:

- 1) at least 90% of the germinated seed clusters produce one sprout;
- 2) seed clusters that produce at least three sprouts are not more than 5%.

(4) The requirements for sugar beet precision sowing seed are as follows:

- 1) at least 70% of the germinated seed clusters produce one sprout;
- 2) seed clusters that produce at least three sprouts are not more than 5%.

(5) The requirements for fodder beet precision sowing seed are as follows:

- 1) in the case of a variety with greater than 85% diploidy, at least 58% of the germinated seed clusters produce one sprout;
- 2) in the case of other seeds, at least 63% of the germinated seed clusters produce one sprout;
- 3) seed clusters that produce at least three sprouts are not more than 5%.

(6) In the case of super-elite and elite beetroot seeds, the share of inert additives must not exceed 1.0%.

(7) In the case of certified beet seeds, the share of inert additives in it may not exceed 0.5%.

(8) In the case of certified granulated beet seed, the quality of the beet seed is determined from the processed seed that has not yet been granulated.

(9) Plant pests that reduce the quality of beet seed, including storage pests, can be present in the seed sample as little as possible.

(10) The minimum varietal purity of the seed of the storage variety must be 90%.

[ RTL 2010, 12, 222 - entry into force. 22.03.2010]

(11) On the basis of § 32 of the "Plant Propagation and Variety Protection Act", beet seed marketed for production testing must meet the quality requirements established for the category of certified seed.

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## § 5. Production requirements

(1) In the case of production of super elite or elite seed, at least two years must have passed since the cultivation of another variety of beet seed or non-genuine beet seed of the same variety or seed of a lower category, in the case of production of certified seed, at least one year must have passed in the same cultivation site.

(2) In the case of beet seed production, mixing of the produced seed with seed from a neighboring seed field must be avoided in any way.

## § 6. Distance requirements

(1) In the case of beet seed production, the plants must be protected from foreign pollination.

(2) In order to protect the plants specified in subsection 1 from foreign pollination, the seed field must be separated from fields with plants that allow foreign pollination either by a sufficient distance or, in the case specified in this section, by another means that ensures sufficient protection.

(3) In the case of beet seed production, the smallest distance between the seed field and the field that may cause foreign pollination is as follows:

Agricultural culture	Minimum distance (m)
1) in the case of beet super elite and elite seed production:	
genus <i>Beta</i> from the pollen source	1000
2) in the case of certified sugar beet seed production:	
genus <i>Beta</i> from a pollen source not named in this section;	1000
the intended pollinator or one of the intended pollinators is from a diploid tetraploid sugar beet pollen source;	600
the intended pollinator is exclusively from a tetraploid or diploid sugar beet pollen source;	
from a sugar beet pollen source of unknown ploidy;	
the intended pollinator or one of the intended pollinators is from a diploid non-diploid sugar beet pollen source;	300
the intended pollinator is exclusively from a tetraploid tetraploid sugar beet pollen source;	
between two sugar beet seed fields, if male sterile plants are not used;	
3) in the case of certified fodder beet seed production:	
genus <i>Beta</i> from a pollen source not named in this section;	1000
the intended pollinator or one of the intended pollinators is from a diploid tetraploid fodder beet pollen source;	600
the intended pollinator is exclusively from a tetraploid or diploid fodder beet pollen source;	
fodder beet from a pollen source of unknown ploidy;	
the intended pollinator or one of the intended pollinators is from a diploid non-diploid fodder beet pollen source;	300
the intended pollinator is exclusively from a tetraploid tetraploid fodder beet pollen source;	
between two fodder beet seed fields, if male sterile plants are not used;	

(4) The distance specified in paragraph 3 does not have to be observed if:

- 1) there is sufficient protection against foreign pollinators or
- 2) varieties growing in seed fields use the same pollinator.

(5) If the ploidy of the variety is not indicated in the variety sheet or in the single crop variety sheet of the European Union, this variety is considered as a variety with unknown ploidy, and the minimum distance between the seed field of this variety and another beet seed field is 600 m.

## § 7. Certification procedure

(1) The Agriculture and Food Board certifies beet seed in accordance with international requirements. For the certification of beet seed, field recognition is carried out and sample analysis and follow-up field tests are organized.

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(2) The owner, representative or keeper of the variety shall submit an application for beet seed certification to the Agriculture and Food Board by May 31.

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(3) Field certification is performed by the Agriculture and Food Board or, in the case of a certified seed category, by a field certification operator with a field certification license.

[ RT I, 26.03.2019, 1 - enters into force. 01.04.2019]

(4) In the case of certified beet seed production, at least one field certification is performed on the seed field, and in the case of superelite and elite seed production, at least two field certifications are performed on the seed field, the first of which is performed in the year the application is submitted and the second in the following year.

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(5) Regarding the batch of beet seed that meets the certification requirements, the Agriculture and Food Board makes a certification decision, taking into account the results of field tests, laboratory analysis and follow-up field tests, and issues appropriate labels or determines the number of labels allowed to be printed.

[ RT I, 27.01.2018, 1 - enters into force. 01.01.2019]

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### § 7 . Procedure for certification of conservation variety seed

(1) The producer certifies the seed of the storage variety in accordance with international requirements. In order to ensure the correctness of the certification of the seed of the storage variety, the producer organizes the field recognition of the seed of the storage variety, taking a sample and analyzing it.

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(2) Field approval for a conservation variety is performed by the Agriculture and Food Board, a field approval operator or a producer with a field approval license, following the established requirements for field approval.

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(3) The Agricultural and Food Board or a seed sampler with a seed sampling license (hereinafter *seed sampler with a license* ) takes a sample from the batch of seed of the storage variety to be certified.

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(4) The seed batch of the storage variety that meets the certification requirements is properly marked and sealed by the manufacturer or licensed seed sampler, taking into account the results of field recognition and laboratory analysis.

[ RT I, 26.03.2019, 1 - enters into force. 01.04.2019]

### § 8. Seed field requirements

(1) Field certification is performed at such a stage of development of the plants that makes it possible to assess the trueness and purity of the plants, the trueness and purity of the variety, and the spread of plant pests that reduce the quality of the seed.

(2) [Repealed - RT I, 17.05.2024, 3 - entered into force. 20.05.2024]

(3) The seed field must not contain plants from the previous crop, the seeds of which are difficult to separate from the seed of the growing species and variety during a laboratory test, as well as weed plants or plants of other species to an extent that may affect the species purity and purity of the growing plant and the purity and purity of the variety or to a degree that prevents field recognition.

(4) The pre-culture of the beet seed field must be suitable for the production of beet seed ( *Beta vulgaris* L.).

### § 9. Varietal authenticity and purity requirements

(1) The beet seed to be certified must be sufficiently varietal and pure. Varietal purity is checked during follow-up tests.

(2) Biochemical and molecular methods can be used to check seed varietal authenticity.

[ RT I, 27.07.2022, 1 - enters into force. 31.08.2022]

### § 10. Sampling and sample size

(1) The Agriculture and Food Board or a seed sampler with an activity license takes a seed sample from the seed lot in accordance with the internationally established methodology to determine the quality of the beet seed and closes the sales package or container of the seed lot to be certified with a security sticker or seal of the Agriculture and Food Board or a seed sampler with an activity license. The owner of the seed lot ensures access to the package or container for methodical sampling.

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(1 ) Taking a seed sample from a seed batch to be certified with an automatic sampling device is carried out under the supervision of the Agriculture and Food Board. The automatic sampling device must be recognized as appropriate by a laboratory accredited by the International Seed Inspection Association (hereinafter *ISTA* ).

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(2) The seed batch to be certified must be of uniform quality and separated from other batches and properly marked.

(3) The maximum permitted weight of a seed batch of sugar beet and fodder beet ( *Beta vulgaris* L.) is 20,000 kg, and the minimum permitted weight of a seed sample is 500 g.

(4) The maximum permitted weight of a batch of beet seed can be up to five percent more than permitted.

### § 11. Seed quality is reduced by plant pests

Plant pests that reduce seed quality can be present in the seed field as little as possible. When assessing the spread of plant pests that reduce seed quality, the presence of the plant pest in the seed field is checked visually.

## **§ 12. Requirements for beet seed to be certified**

(1) Beet seeds that are true to species and variety, pure in species and variety, have passed follow-up tests and meet quality requirements, including pedigree and plant health, are certified.

(2) The Agriculture and Food Board or a licensed seed sampler closes the appropriate seed lot with a security sticker or seal in the sales package or container.

[ RT I, 26.03.2019, 1 - enters into force. 01.04.2019]

(3) An uncertified batch of seed produced in another Member State or a country recognized as equivalent shall be certified if the seed:

1) is directly descended from super-elite, elite or first-generation certified seed produced in another Member State or in the country specified in subsection 109 (1) of the "Plant Propagation and Variety Protection Act";

2) has been harvested in the country of production;

3) in the course of the field certification conducted in the country of production, it has been recognized as meeting the requirements established for the seed of this category, and the package is marked with a proper label and the seed batch is provided with a proper accompanying document;

4) meets the quality requirements established for this category.

[ RT I, 27.12.2011, 1 - enters into force. 30.12.2011]

(4) Super-elite or elite seed that does not meet the germination requirements may be certified. The Agriculture and Food Board marks the words "Does not meet germination requirements" on the label.

[ RT I, 27.12.2011, 1 - enters into force. 30.12.2011]

## **Chapter 4 BEET SEED PACKAGING**

### **§ 13. Packaging requirements**

(1) The closing point of super-elite, elite and certified seed, with the exception of EU small packaging of certified beet seed and single-sealable sales packaging, must be sealed with the seal or security sticker of the Agricultural and Food Board or a licensed seed sampler, or a label must be sewn through the closure of the sales package. The closing point of the sales package of the storage variety seed is sealed by the manufacturer.

[ RT I, 20.05.2020, 3 - enters into force. 01.07.2020]

(2) The retail and EU small packaging of beet seed must be closed in such a way that it cannot be opened without damaging the seal, security sticker, label or packaging.

[ RT I, 27.12.2011, 1 - enters into force. 30.12.2011]

(3) EU small packaging must be equipped with the manufacturer's label or with appropriate printed or stamped information.

(4) The sales package of packaged and labeled seed may be opened and resealed only under the supervision of the Agriculture and Food Board, if the seed in such a sales package is intended to be marketed after resealing. In this case, the date of resealing the package and the words "Agricultural and Food Administration" must be indicated on the label.

[ RT I, 26.03.2019, 1 - enters into force. 01.04.2019]

(5) The packer keeps records of the use and maintenance of the automatic sampling device and documents and stores the following data:

- 1) serial number of the sample container;
- 2) date and time of automatic sampling device setup;
- 3) the plant species from which the seed lot was sampled, variety, lot number and lot size;
- 4) the size of the combined sample;
- 5) the date of maintenance of the automatic sampling device and the work performed.

[ RTL 2009, 25, 323 - entry into force. 20.03.2009]

(6) The packer keeps records of the printing of labels, keeping one printed label for each batch and all printed unused or damaged labels, and documents and stores the following data about the printing of labels:

- 1) date of label printing;
- 2) plant species, variety, category;
- 3) lot number and lot size;
- 4) number of printed labels, printed label number or range, number of used labels.

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### **§ 14. Packaging permit**

[Repealed - RT I, 18.06.2014, 1 - entry into force. 01.07.2014]

### **§ 15. Marking**

(1) The appropriate label, with the exception of the EU small package label of certified beet seed, is affixed under the supervision of the Agriculture and Food Board to the outside of the beet seed sales package or inside the transparent sales package in such a way that the label is legible. A self-adhesive label can be used.

[ RT I, 20.12.2013, 1 - enters into force. 31.12.2013]

(2) The sales package of beet seed is labeled by printing the information required on the label on the label or sales package under the supervision of the Agriculture and Food Board.

[ RT I, 18.06.2014, 1 - enters into force. 01.07.2014]

(3) When the information prescribed on the label of the beet seed sales package is printed on the sales package, the information is indelibly printed directly on the package. The Agricultural and Food Board or a licensed seed sampler shall add the information

specified in clauses 3, 4 and 14 of § 18 (1) to the label.

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(4) Before printing the label, the packer informs the Agriculture and Food Board about the number of labels needed.

[ RT I, 18.06.2014, 1 - enters into force. 01.07.2014]

(5) The Agriculture and Food Board determines the number of the seed lot and the number of labels allowed to be printed in the certification decision.

[ RT I, 27.01.2018, 1 - enters into force. 01.01.2019]

(6) In the case of seed originating from a genetically modified variety, relevant information shall be noted on the certification decision, label and other document.

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(7) Information about the chemical treatment of the seed is indicated on or inside the label and package. If a plant protection agent is used for the chemical treatment of the seed, the name of the plant protection agent, the name of the active ingredient contained in the plant protection agent, warning statements and, if necessary, the risk reduction measures specified in the plant protection agent's permit shall be presented on the label.

[ RT I, 27.01.2018, 1 - enters into force. 01.02.2018]

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## **§ 15 . Labeling of the sales package of storage variety seed**

The label of the sales package of the storage variety seed is approved by the packager, taking into account the requirements set forth in subsections 1, 3 and 7 of § 15. The packager adds the seed batch number of the certified storage variety to the information provided on the label.

[ RTL 2010, 12, 222 - entry into force. 22.03.2010]

## **§ 16. Small package of beet seed**

The European Union small package of beet seed (hereinafter *EU small package* ) is a sales package that contains certified beet seed up to:

- 1) 100,000 pieces or up to 2.5 kg of uncleaned or non-granulated mono or compound seed intended for precision sowing;
- 2) 10 kg for non-granulated seed. The weight of the seeds does not include the weight of cleaning agents, granular pesticides and other solids.

## **§ 17. Label color and size requirements**

(1) The minimum size of the label, except for the EU small package label, is 110 × 67 mm.

(2) The super elite seed label is white with a violet diagonal stripe, the elite seed label, including the EU small package label, is white, the certified seed label, including the EU small package label, is blue, the label of fully uncertified seed produced in another Member State or a country recognized as equivalent is gray in color and the label of the seed marketed for production testing under § 32 of the "Plant Propagation and Variety Protection Act" is orange in color.

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(3) The label material used must be non-tearable and the entries printed on the label must be indelible.

[ RTL 2010, 25, 439 - entry into force. 22.05.2010]

## **§ 18. Label and accompanying document requirements**

(1) The label of super-elite and elite seed and certified seed shall state:

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- 1) the words "EU requirements and standards" or " *EC rules and standards* ";
- 2) the name of the certification body and the name of the Member State or its symbol;
- 3) the month and year of closing the package, marked "Closed... (month and year)" or the month and year of the last seed sample taken for certification, marked "Sample has been taken... (month and year)";
- 4) seed batch number;
- 5) species name in Latin and Estonian (can be submitted abbreviated and without authors' names) and the indication "sugar beet" or "fodder beet";
- 6) variety name in Latin letters;
- 7) seed category and its abbreviation;
- 8) name of the country of manufacture;
- 9) declared net or gross weight or number of seeds;
- 10) in the case of the use of dragees, granular pesticides or other solid additives, the type of additive and the approximate ratio between the net weight and the total weight of the seeds;
- 11) in the case of a monoseed, the word "monoseed";
- 12) in the case of precision sowing seed, the word "precision sowing seed";
- 13) in the case of a new control of germination, the name of the certification body and the name of the Member State or its designation, the month and year of the sample analysis, marked "The analysis has been carried out... (month and year)". This information can be added to the label on sticky paper;
- 14) In the case of seed packaged in Estonia, data on the purity and germination of the seed, the weight of 1000 grains and the number of the plant health register.

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(1 ) [Invalid - RT I, 27.01.2018, 1 - entered into force. 01.02.2018]

(2) The following shall be indicated on the label of the storage variety seed:

- 1) the words «EU requirements and standards»;
  - 2) business name and address or distinguishing mark of the packer who approved the label;
  - 3) the month and year of closing the sales package, marked "Closed ... (month and year)" or the month and year of the last seed sample taken for certification, marked "Sample has been taken ... (month and year)";
  - 4) species name in Latin and Estonian (can be submitted abbreviated and without authors' names) and the indication "sugar beet" or "fodder beet";
  - 5) variety name in Latin letters;
  - 6) the word "Storage grade";
  - 7) region of origin;
  - 8) in the case of a monoseed, the word «monoseed»;
  - 9) in the case of precision sowing seed, the word «precision sowing seed»;
  - 10) seed production region, if it differs from the region of origin;
  - 11) seed lot number;
  - 12) declared net or gross weight or number of seeds;
  - 13) the type of chemical treatment or additive and the approximate ratio of the net and gross weight of clean seeds, if the gross weight of the seeds is indicated and granular pesticides, cleaning agents or other solid additives have been used.
- [ RTL 2010, 12, 222 - entry into force. 22.03.2010]

(3) On the basis of § 32 of the "Plant Propagation and Variety Protection Act", the following shall be indicated on the label of the seed marketed for production testing:

- 1) the name of the certification body and the name of the Member State or its symbol;
- 2) the month and year of closing the package, marked "Closed... (month and year)" or the month and year of the last sample taken for certification, marked "Sample taken... (month and year)";
- 3) seed lot number;
- 4) species name in Latin and Estonian (can be submitted abbreviated and without authors' names);
- 5) breeding number, variety name proposal or approved variety name, and the number of the application submitted for taking the variety sheet of the variety, if it exists;
- 6) the words "The variety is not included in the variety sheet";
- 7) the words "Only for production tests";
- 8) in the case of a genetically modified variety, the words "Genetically modified variety";
- 9) declared net or gross weight or number of seeds;
- 10) in the case of the use of dragees, granular pesticides or other solid additives, the type of additive and the approximate ratio between the net weight and the total weight of the seeds;
- 11) In the case of seed packaged in Estonia, data on the purity and germination of the seed, the weight of 1000 grains and the number of the plant health register.

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#### **§ 19. Information to be marked on the label and accompanying document of the seed not fully certified**

(1) The label of uncertified seed produced in another Member State or a country recognized as equivalent shall include:

1) the name of the competent authority responsible for field recognition and the name of the Member State or the name of the country recognized as equivalent or its symbol;

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2) species name in Latin and Estonian (can be submitted abbreviated and without authors' names) and the indication "sugar beet" or "fodder beet";

3) variety name in Latin letters;

4) field number or lot number;

5) seed category and its abbreviation;

6) declared net or gross weight;

7) the words "completely uncertified seed".

(2) The accompanying document for uncertified seed produced in another Member State or a country recognized as equivalent shall include:

1) the name of the competent authority that issued the document and the name of the Member State or the name of the country recognized as equivalent or its symbol;

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2) species name in Latin and Estonian (can be submitted abbreviated and without authors' names) and the indication "sugar beet" or "fodder beet";

3) variety name in Latin letters;

4) seed category and its abbreviation;

5) the number of the seed batch that was the starting material for the production of the seed, or information about the category and the name of the country or the names of the countries where the seed is certified;

6) field number or lot number;

7) the area in hectares of the field on which the labeled seed was produced;

8) quantity of harvested seed and number of packages;

9) in the case of certified seed, the number of generations following the elite seed;

10) laboratory preliminary analysis data, if required;

11) certificate from the certification body that the requirements for field recognition have been met.

#### **§ 20. Information to be noted on the label and manufacturer's document of seed imported from a non-EU country**

In the case of marketing a seed quantity of more than two kilograms imported from a non-EU country, the following shall be indicated on the producer's document or label:

- 1) the name of the certification body and the name of the country or its symbol;
- 2) species name in Latin and Estonian (can be submitted abbreviated and without authors' names);
- 3) variety name in Latin letters;
- 4) seed category and its abbreviation;
- 5) name of the exporting country;
- 6) name of the importer;
- 7) declared net or gross weight.

#### **§ 21. Information to be marked on the EU small package label**

The label of the EU small package shall include:

- 1) the words «EU small package»;
  - 2) name and address or identification mark of the manufacturer responsible for marking;
  - 3) serial number;
  - 4) the name of the authority that assigned the serial number and the name of the Member State or its symbol;
  - 5) reference number in case the serial number does not allow to determine the batch of certified seed;
  - 6) species name in Latin and Estonian (can be submitted abbreviated and without authors' names) and the indication "sugar beet" or "fodder beet";
  - 7) variety name in Latin letters;
  - 8) seed category and its abbreviation;
  - 9) declared net or gross weight or number of seeds;
  - 10) in the case of the use of dragees, granular pesticides or other solid additives, the type of additive and the approximate ratio between the net weight and the total weight of the seeds;
- [ RT I, 27.12.2011, 1 - enters into force. 30.12.2011]
- 11) in the case of monoseed, the word «monoseed»;
  - 12) in the case of precision sowing seed, the word «precision sowing seed».

#### **§ 22. Label validity period**

- (1) The label of the super-elite, elite and certified beet seed batch is valid for two years from the date of closing the sales package.
- (2) The validity period of the label, which is a document certifying the certification of beet seed, may be extended at the request of the owner of the seed lot.
- (3) In order to extend the validity period of the label, the germination of the beet seed is checked by taking a repeat sample of the seed germination.
- (4) If the seed batch complies with the requirements established for the germination of the certified seed, the validity of the label is extended by two years. A corresponding note is made on the label.
- (5) In case of repackaging, new labels are issued, and the date of closure of the initial sales package is indicated on the label as the date of closure of the sales package.

## **Chapter 5 BEET SEED MARKETING**

#### **§ 23. Beet seed marketing**

(1) It is permitted to market certified and compliant seed of a variety included in the variety list or the European Union's unified crop variety list, or non-compliant seed in cases provided for in legislation.

[ RT I, 20.12.2013, 1 - enters into force. 31.12.2013]

(2) The marketed seed must be properly packaged and the packaging must be properly labeled.

(3) A seed lot that is not fully certified shall be equipped with the color established in subsection 2 of § 17 and the label specified in subsection 19 of § 19 and with the document certifying field recognition specified in subsection 2 of the same section.

(4) It is allowed to market the seed of the conservation variety only in the region of origin, taking into account the permitted quantities

for marketing the seed of the conservation variety established on the basis of § 106 2

(6) of the "Plant Propagation and Variety

Protection Act" .

[ RT I, 20.12.2013, 1 - enters into force. 31.12.2013]

(5) It is allowed to market super-elite or elite seed that does not meet the requirements for germination specified in subsection 12 (4) if its label contains information about the actual germination of the seed or if the distributor supplies the sales package with a label on which the lot number, name and address of the distributor and data on the seed's germination are indicated. about.

[ RT I, 27.12.2011, 1 - enters into force. 30.12.2011]

## **1 5 . chapter PRODUCTION AND MARKETING OF ORGANIC HETEROGENEOUS BEET SEED**

[ RT I, 16.12.2021, 1 - enters into force. 01.01.2022]

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#### **§ 23 . Requirements for the production and marketing of organic heterogeneous beet seed**

In the production and marketing of organic heterogeneous seed, Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2021/1189 is followed, supplementing Regulation (EU) 2018/848 of the European Parliament and of the Council regarding the production and marketing of plant propagation material consisting of organic heterogeneous material of certain families and species (OJ L 258, 20.07.2021, pp. 18–27), requirements.

[ RT I, 16.12.2021, 1 - enters into force. 01.01.2022]

## **Chapter 6 STATE SUPERVISION**

**[ RT I, 26.03.2019, 1 - enters into force. 01.04.2019]**

### **§ 24. Frequency and extent of state supervision of field recognition and seed sampling and analysis**

[ RT I, 26.03.2019, 1 - entered into force. 01.04.2019]

(1) The Board of Agriculture and Food carries out state supervision of field certification performed by a field certification operator with a field certification license at least once a year to the extent of 5%.

(2) The Agricultural and Food Board performs state supervision of the seed lots submitted for certification by licensed seed samplers at least once a year to the extent of 5%.

(3) The Agriculture and Food Board performs state supervision of the use of automatic sampling equipment at least once a year.

(4) The Board of Agriculture and Food carries out state supervision over the analysis of samples in the seed control laboratory at least once a year to the extent of 5%.

[ RT I, 26.03.2019, 1 - enters into force. 01.04.2019]

## **Chapter 7 IMPLEMENTATION PROVISIONS**

### **§ 25. Implementation of the regulation**

(1) Packaged beet seed labeled in accordance with the requirements in force before May 1, 2006 may be marketed until the goods run out.

[ RTL 2007, 24, 429 - entry into force. 25.03.2007]

(2) Packaged beet seed labeled according to the requirements in force before March 25, 2007 may be marketed until the end of the validity period of the label.

[ RTL 2007, 24, 429 - entry into force. 25.03.2007]

### **§ 26. Entry into force of the regulation**

The regulation enters into force on May 1, 2006.

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Council Directive 2002/54/EC on the marketing of beet seed (OJ L 193, 20.07.2002, pp. 12–32), amended by Directives 2003/61/EC (OJ L 165, 03.07.2003, pp. 23–28), 2004/117/EC (OJ L 14, 18.01.2005, pp. 18–33), (EL) 2016/317 (OJ L 60, 05.03.2016, pp. 72–75) and (EL) 2021/971 (OJ L 214, 17.06.2021, pp. 62–65); Commission Directive 2008/62/EC, which provides for certain exceptions for the approval of public selection varieties and varieties of agricultural crops adapted to local and regional conditions and threatened by genetic erosion, and for the marketing of seeds and seed potatoes of these public selection varieties and varieties (OJ L 162, 21.06.2008, pp. 13–19).

[ RT I, 27.07.2022, 1 - enters into force. 31.08.2022]

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The weight does not include the weight of granulated pesticides, cleaning agents and other solid substances.

[ RTL 2010, 25, 439 - entry into force. 22.05.2010]

Appendix 1 Seed certificate

[Repealed - RT I, 27.01.2018, 1 - entry into force. 01.01.2019]

Appendix 2 Application for a packaging permit

[Repealed - RT I, 18.06.2014, 1 - entry into force. 01.07.2014]