

BERMUDA STATUTORY INSTRUMENT
Agriculture (Sale of Vegetable Seeds)
Regulations 1937

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Interpretation

1 In these Regulations, where not inconsistent with the context—

"vegetable seed" means seed of the following vegetables when sold or offered for sale (except if sold or offered for sale in sealed packets containing not more than half an ounce of seed each), that is to say— soybean, beet, broccoli, cabbage, carrot, cauliflower, celery, Indian corn or maize, cow-pea, cucumber, egg-plant, kohlrabi, lettuce, melon, onion, parsley, green pea, pumpkin, soybean, squash, tomato, turnip, and water-melon.

Seller must be registered

2 It shall be unlawful for any firm or person to sell vegetable seed or offer it for sale unless registered under these Regulations.

Registration

3 Registration shall be by application to the Clerk to the Department and payment of a fee of sixty cents.

Duration of registration

4 Registration shall be for the period of one year, the period starting on 1st August and ending on 31st July of the following year.

Seed must be from approved variety of vegetable

5 In the case of any vegetable the Minister shall have the right to name certain approved varieties as suitable for sale in which case it shall be unlawful to sell or offer for sale seed of varieties of this vegetable other than those so named.

Approved varieties of vegetables

6 The following varieties of vegetable have been named by the Minister as approved varieties: Celery-Golden-Self-Blanching (Clause's Old Strain) and Golden Plume or Wonderful.

Minister may amend list

7 The Minister may amend or add to the list of approved varieties as he thinks fit; and if publication of any alteration is made in the Gazette such publication shall be considered sufficient notice.

Labelling of seed packets

8 Every package or container of vegetable seed sold or offered for sale shall have printed, stamped, or written thereon in legible manner—

- (a) the name of the person or firm selling it;
- (b) the name of the variety of seed contained therein; and
- (c) the year in which the seed was imported.

Testing of imported seeds

9 (1) In the case of seed of beet, cabbage, carrot, cauliflower, celery, onion and tomato imported for sale, a sufficient quantity of each separate importation shall be forwarded to the Director for testing and none of the seed shall be sold until its sale has been authorized by the

Director.

(2) The Director shall authorize the sale of the seed or declare it unsuitable for sale with the least possible delay.

Testing of other seeds

10 In the case of other kinds of vegetable seed offered for sale the Director may require a sample to be submitted for testing, in which event the sale of the seed shall be suspended until authorized by the Director.

Unsuitable seed

11 Vegetable seed shall be declared unsuitable for planting if shown—

- (a) to be of low vitality; or
- (b) to be untrue to type or variety; or
- (c) to be of a type or variety not approved by the Minister for local cultivation; or
- (d) to be infested with any harmful disease or pest.

Disposal of unsuitable seed

12 No seed declared to be unsuitable for planting shall be sold; and the Minister shall have the right to dispose of such seed as he considers desirable:

Provided that the importer shall have the right to return such unsuitable seed to the supplier, if done to the satisfaction of the Minister.

Exceptional authorization

13 The foregoing provisions of these Regulations shall not prevent the Minister from authorizing under special circumstances the sale of vegetable seeds, which sale would otherwise be contrary to these Regulations.

Offences

14 Any person or firm who contravenes any of the provisions of these Regulations commits an offence against these Regulations:

Punishment on summary conviction: a fine of \$12 and suspension of his licence, or both such fine and suspension.

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