



OrganicXseeds database as a successful example for provision of information about the availability of organic seed

Organic seed regulation – Development in the EU

1980s: no organic regulation, voluntary use of organic seeds

1990s: Introduction of 1st EU organic regulation

- Organic seeds should be used, if available

2004: 1st revision of EU organic regulation regarding organic seeds

- Implementation of computerized organic seed database became mandatory
- Use of chemically treated seeds was prohibited
- Derogation only for untreated conventional seeds

2021: new organic regulation

- Organic seed database remains mandatory and has to be extended to animals and fish

2036: no derogation allowed?

Current Legal Framework – Organic seed regulation

Requirements of EC Regulation 889/2008, Art. 45:

Non-organic seed and seed potatoes without chemical treatment may only be granted in the following cases:

- a) where **no variety** of the species which the user wants to obtain is registered in the database
- b) where **no supplier** is able to deliver the seeds before seeding time
- c) where **the variety** which the user wants to obtain is **not registered in the database**, and the user is able to demonstrate that **none of the registered alternatives of the same species are appropriate** and that the authorisation therefore is significant for his production
- d) where it is justified for use in **research, test in small-scale field trials** or for **variety conservation** purposes agreed by the competent authority of the Member State

Any variety which has **not been registered in the database** shall be **considered as unavailable** (Art. 48)

OrganicXseeds – Database for transparent organic seed markets

- Web-based tool for surveying the availability of organic seeds, vegetative propagation material and seed potatoes
- Developed and continuously enhanced by FiBL experts since 2003
- Interactive platform for farmers, seed suppliers, national authorities and control bodies
- Can be implemented in each country, also offering individual solutions in case nation-wide internet access is not provided
- Customization to national requirements and translation into each language is possible
- Download of reports regarding seed statistics, availability history etc. is possible at any time

Countries that use OrganicXseeds

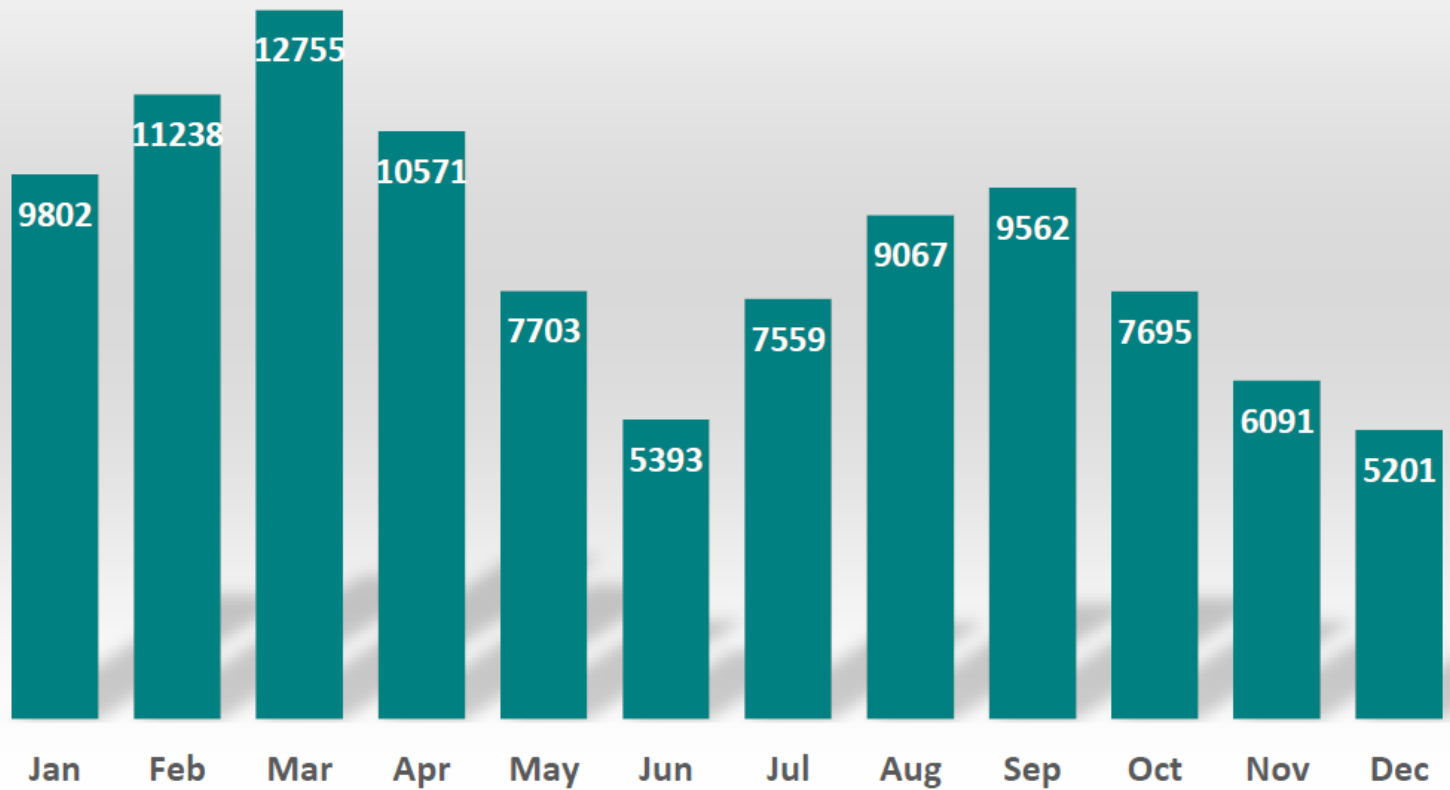


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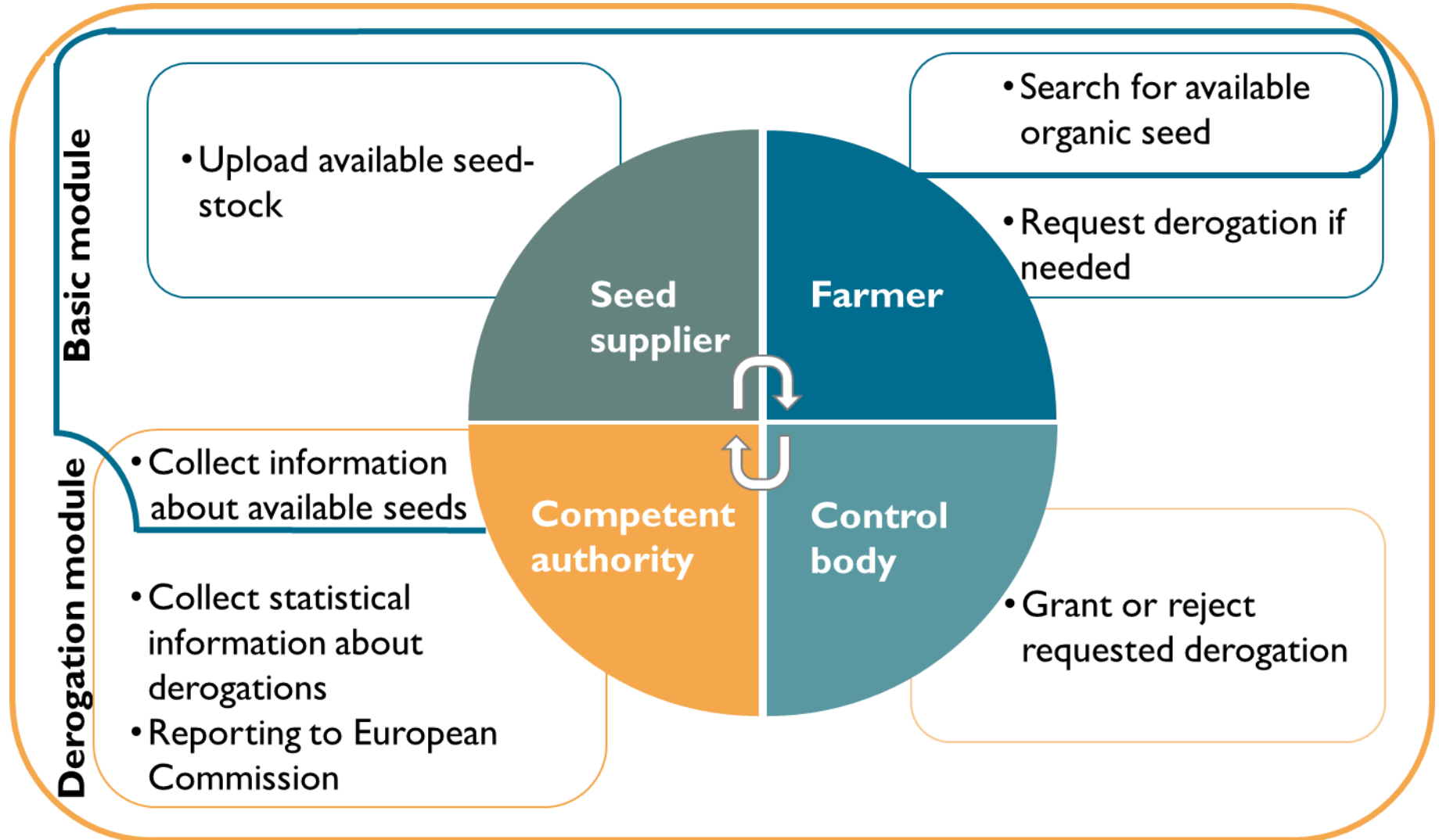
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organicXseeds.com – User statistics 2019

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Number of Visitors 2019



OrganicXseeds – Modular design



OrganicXseeds.com – Search, login

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Quick search <input type="text" value="Crop"/> <input type="text" value="Variety"/> >	Category search <input type="text" value="Choose category"/> v	Supplier search <input type="text" value="Supplier"/> > Show all suppliers	My Account <input type="text" value="Username"/> <input type="password" value="Password"/> > Forgotten password?
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Welcome to OrganicXseeds UK, the official UK database of organic seed availability

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This database is a requirement of EU Regulation (EC) No. 834/2007 and 889/2008 which regulates the use of seeds and seed potatoes in organic farming. The database is funded by the Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (DEFRA) and managed by the Soil Association, working in partnership with FiBL.

You can use this website to search for available organic seeds, vegetative propagation material and seed potatoes. The website is designed to be used by organic farmers and growers to find organic seeds, certification bodies to help authorize derogations and seed companies looking to sell certified organic seeds. If you search the database and find the varieties you need are not available you must seek a derogation from your certification body before purchasing non-organic seeds.

We will do our best to keep the database as up-to-date as possible. Please help us to do so by notifying us of any errors regarding the availability of varieties at oxs@soilassociation.org.

The database manager and administrators cannot be held liable for the seed used and varieties selected.


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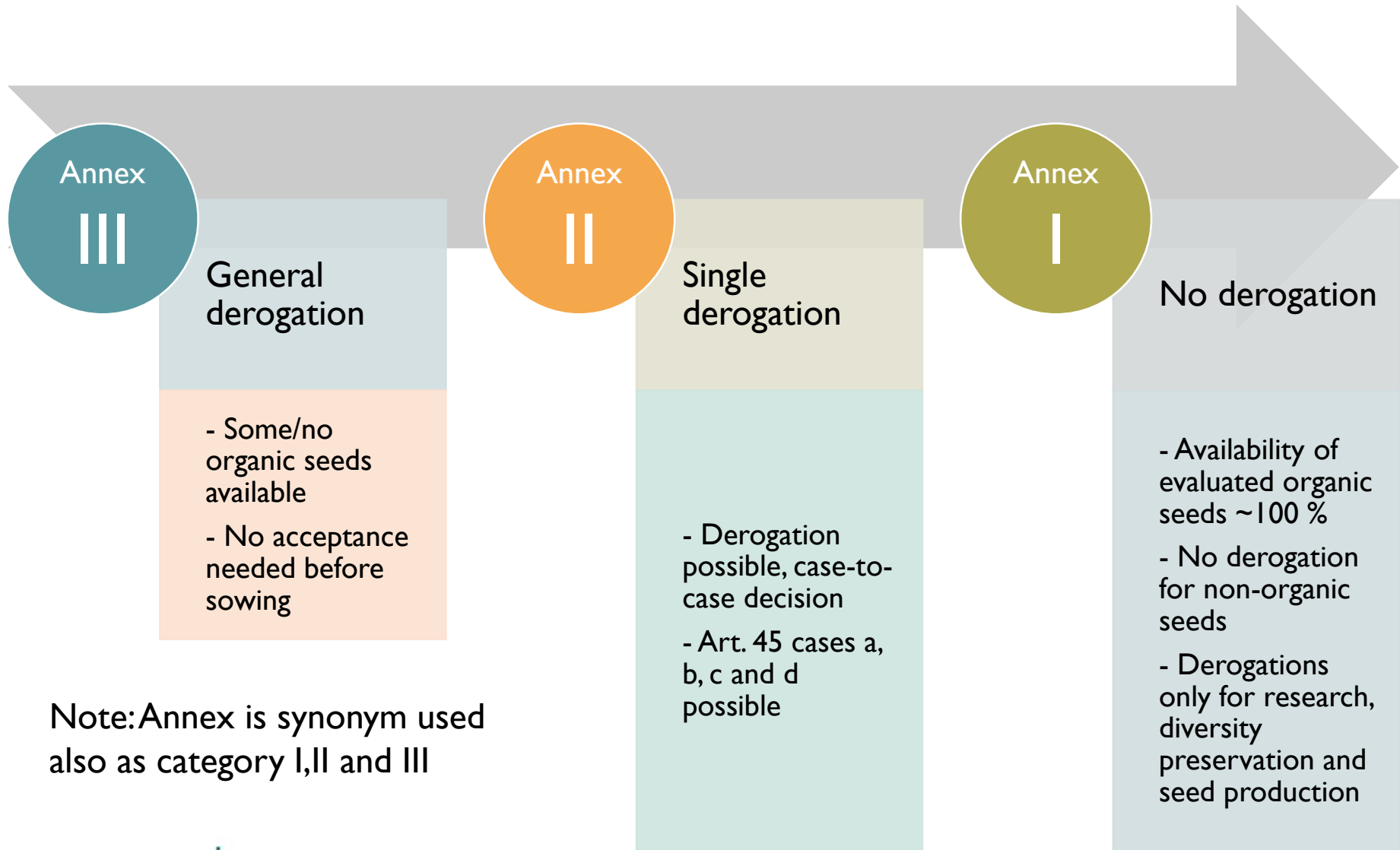
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Search for Crop: potato

 Potato *Solanum tuberosum* 118

Selection type	Offers	Classification	
 First early	19	Single derogation	Derogation form
Variety, Selection	Offers	Can be supplied to	History
 Accent	2	United Kingdom	
Supplier	Type of seed	Seed quality	Certification
 Edwin Tucker & Sons Ltd Can be supplied to: United Kingdom	tuber	certified seed second generation	not specified
 Leary's Organic Seeds Bindon Home Farm Can be supplied to: United Kingdom	tuber	Basic seed	Soil Association Certification Ltd. (SAcert)

Three annexes – Towards 100 % availability



Note: Annex is synonym used also as category I, II and III

Annex I, II and III within one crop – classification by selection type

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Search for Crop: cucumber

Selection type	Offers	Classification
↻ Glasshouse long	9	Single derogation
↻ Glasshouse midi	3	Single derogation
Variety, Selection Offers Can be supplied to History		
↻ Passandra F1	2	United Kingdom
↻ Picolino F1	1	United Kingdom
↻ Outdoor coloured	1	General Derogation
Variety, Selection Offers Can be supplied to History		
↻ Crystal Lemon	1	United Kingdom
↻ Outdoor green	1	No Derogation

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Annex II

Annex III

Annex I

OrganicXseeds – Availability history

History of availability of the variety "Colleen"

Period of time

from

26 Dec 2016

to

26 Jun 2018

filter

Status: 26 Jun 2018

Crop: **Potato** (*Solanum tuberosum*)

Selection type: **First early**

Variety, Selection: **Colleen**

from	to	Supplier	Can be supplied to	Type of seed	Seed quality	Certification
18/11/2016		(1169) Skea Organics	• United Kingdom	tuber	Basic seed	Soil Association Certification Ltd. (SAcert)
06/10/2017	01/02/2018	(1343) Tamar Organics	• United Kingdom	not specified	not specified	not specified

OrganicXseeds.com – Application procedure

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Search for **Crop: potato**

↓ Potato

Selection type	Offers	Classification
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Variety, Selection	Offers	Can be supplied to	History
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OrganicXseeds.com – Request form for single derogation

Testfarmer Licensee number: GB-8923463246 Teststreet 123456 Testcity	
E-mail address: rolf.maeder@betriebsmittelliste.de	
Reference number: 5524-5878-5626-5947 Crop: Spring Wheat (<i>Triticum aestivum</i> ssp.) Selection type: Milling bread	
Desired variety	
<input type="text" value="Testvariety"/>	
Required quantity c.	(Unit)
<input type="text" value="500"/>	<input type="text" value="Kilograms"/>
Area / quantity	(Unit)
<input type="text" value="3,4"/>	<input type="text" value="Acres"/>
Sowing Date:	
<input type="text" value="30/09/2016"/>	

Reason

In the dialogue box below, please enter the reason as to why you wish to use the desired variety. Please complete this form accurately. Incomplete forms cannot be processed.

☐ (a) No variety of the species which I want to use are registered in the UK organic seed database.

☐ (b) The seed supplier is unable to deliver the seed or seed potatoes before sowing or planting despite ordering the seed or seed potatoes in reasonable time.

☒ (c) The variety which I want to use is not registered in the database and I can demonstrate that none of the registered alternatives of the same species are appropriate for my production (you will need to indicate the reason they are not appropriate).

☐ (d) This variety is to be grown for

☐ (d1) research purpose

☐ (d2) use in small-scale field trials

☐ (d3) variety conservation purposes.

☐ (e) The seed is part of a grass or forage mix containing at least 70% organic seeds.

Notes

Please enter the justification for a derogation request in the box below.
For reason (c) you must give written justification in the box. You may be asked for written justification from your certification body for any derogation request, irrespective of the reason.
Grass and forage mixtures: You must enter each non-organic component separately. Please ensure that the mix contains at least 70% organic seed.
Potatoes: Seed potatoes must be sourced organically. Approval for non-organic varieties may be given in exceptional circumstances. Please contact your certification body to discuss the requirements.

Justification:

The available varieties are not appropriate for the conditions of the farm.

Derogation for Spring Wheat (*Triticum aestivum* ssp.)

Address

Testfarmer
Licensee number: GB-8923463246
Teststreet
123456 Testcity
E-mail address: rolf.maeder@betriebsmittelliste.de

Individual
Code

Reference number: 5524-5878-5626-5947
Crop: Spring Wheat (*Triticum aestivum* ssp.)
Selection type: Milling bread
Date of application: 2 Sep 2016

Needed
variety

<u>Crop</u>	<u>Selection type</u>
Spring Wheat	Milling bread

<u>Desired variety</u>	<u>Required quantity c.</u>	<u>Area / quantity</u>
Testvariety	500x Kilograms	34x Acres

Sowing Date:
30 Sep 2016

Reason for
application

Reason

(c) The variety which I want to use is not registered in the database and I can demonstrate that none of the registered alternatives of the same species are appropriate for my production (you will need to indicate the reason they are not appropriate).

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Review

Review
Status

Status
Edited at 2016-09-02. You get the result by post.

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Classification

Status

Crop/Variety

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Date of application	Crop	Selection type	Classification	Variety	Status	
8 Sep 2014	Kale (Borecole)	Red	Single derogation	Redbor F1	granted	<input type="checkbox"/>
8 Sep 2014	Asia-Greens	Mustard	Single derogation	Red lion	granted	<input type="checkbox"/>
8 Sep 2014	Asia-Greens	Mustard	Single derogation	Red dragon	granted	<input type="checkbox"/>
8 Sep 2014	Asia-Greens	Mustard	Single derogation	Pizzo	granted	<input type="checkbox"/>
8 Sep 2014	Asia-Greens	Mustard	Single derogation	Green fire F1	granted	<input type="checkbox"/>
29 Jan 2014	Potato	First early	Single derogation	Orla	granted	<input type="checkbox"/>

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OrganicXseeds – Data administration by seed suppliers

Active seed offers

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✓ Number of modified seed offers: 1


For quick editing on offers we recommend opening the offer in a new browser tab. (right-click, "Open in new Tab")
After saving the offer, you can close the tab again.

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Search:

Crop	Variety	Region	Type of seed	Seed quality	Status	Availability	
Aubergine (Egg-Plant)	Bartok F1		not specified	not specified			Edit
		Germany					Edit
		Switzerland					Edit
Aubergine (Egg-Plant)	Black Pearl F1		not specified	not specified			Edit
		United Kingdom					Edit
Aubergine (Egg-Plant)	Falcon F1		not specified	not specified			Edit
		United Kingdom					Edit

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Crop / Licensee number from (date) to (date)

Filter |

Date of application ▼	Licensee number	Crop	Variety	Classification	Reference number	<input type="checkbox"/>
20 Mar 2018	W24W	Mustard > Indian Mustard	Red Carpet	Single derogation		<input type="checkbox"/>
16 Mar 2018	D30M	Herbage Mixture, Clover /Grass Mixtures	Shady Lawn without ryegrass Grass seed	Single derogation		<input type="checkbox"/>
16 Mar 2018	D30M	Herbage Mixture, Clover /Grass Mixtures	Pathways Mixture Grass seed	Single derogation		<input type="checkbox"/>
10 Mar 2018	G6334	Pak Choi	Joi Choi F1	Single derogation		<input type="checkbox"/>
10 Mar 2018	G6334	Cabbage > White cabbage, Green	Cabbage	Single derogation		<input type="checkbox"/>

Changes in the new regulation regarding the seed databases

848/2018

- Additionally database for animals (66 and Art. 26)
- Period of the year of its availability (Art. 26)
- Quantities (Art. 26)
- Also heterogenous material can be used
- Implementing acts – draft
 - Use of in-conversion seeds needs to be granted before sowing
 - Category I: No EU-wide Annex X anymore with species where no derogation is allowed but now member states can implement such an Category I-list for their country
 - General Derogation: operators shall keep records of quantity used and competent authorities responsible for authorisations shall list the quantities of authorised non-organic plant reproductive material

848/2018 Quantity and period – system in the database

- Quantity: starting with quantity that is available at beginning, no update during selling
- Period of the year of its availability: Traffic light system

 Currently not available

 Available from date x

 Currently available

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