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From seed to ware

Update on UK implementation of the new EU legislation

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Consultation Options:



- ◆ Adoption of the harmonised Union Grades as they are drafted.

- ◆ Use national grades (implementing mandatory aspects of EU legislation).

- ◆ (Preferred) Adopt the Union Grades with additional controls for production:
 - ◆ Stricter field tolerances for PVY, PVA and possibly leafroll
 - ◆ Maintain current lot tolerance for PTNRD (PVY^{ntn})
 - ◆ Nil tolerance for *Dickeya* spp. (crop and lots)



Benefits of the Preferred Option

- ◆ Trade advantages of marketing under harmonised Union grades.
- ◆ Maintain high health status (for virus and *Dickeya* spp.) with stricter tolerances offering a competitive advantage.
- ◆ Minimise future disruption - review of Plant Reproductive Material legislation may make Union Grades compulsory once implemented.
- ◆ Supports continuation of EU high grade community status, if Union Grades are adopted.
- ◆ Single classification system – easier to manage than parallel systems (achieves same plant health outcome).

Scheme Management



- ◆ **PB units** - Only “S” grade crops "derived directly from PB input seed" will be allowed to be planted on PB units.

- ◆ **Crops with ≥ 7 field generations in 2014** - Can be certified as class E FG7 in 2015.

- ◆ **Approved Stocks** - Under national legislation, there will be no change for production of approved stocks.



Transfer of crops into the new scheme



- ◆ Assigned based on FG and not the tolerances met at inspection

Label Class Of Stock (Current grades)	Permitted Union Entry Class (subject to FG rules)
SE1, SE2	S, SE, E
SE3	SE, E
SE	SE, E
E1	SE, E
E2	SE, E
E3	Not permitted
E	Not permitted

- ◆ Crops required to meet tolerances at first inspection in 2015



Timeline



Date	Activity
November 2014	Consultation live
November 2014	Guidance Note released
December 2014	Growers notified of crop eligibility in 2015
December 2014	Awareness sessions
Early 2015	SPUDS changes go live
Growing season 2015	New scheme introduced
August 2015	SPUDS labelling changes go live
1 January 2016	EU legislation becomes active

