



Market transparency

Regulation (EU) 2022/791 – certified seeds

CDG Seeds

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R 2022/791 - objective

Recital 4

“Russia’s invasion of Ukraine on 24 February 2022 and the resulting disruptions in world market shed light on a series of information gaps. Up-to-date information on levels of stocks of cereals, oilseeds and rice, including production and levels of stocks of certified seeds, held by producers, wholesalers and relevant operators revealed itself to be essential to decide on relevant measures to prevent and mitigate market disruptions. Reporting obligations should thus be extended to this information”.

https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2022/791/oj (amending Regulation (EU) 2017/1185)

Legal text (Annex)

1d. Certified seed

Content of the notification: for the cereals, rice, oilseeds and protein crops for which Member States notify prices based on points 1, 2 and 3 of Annex I or point 2 of Annex II:

- (a) area accepted for certification;
- (b) quantities of harvested seed for certification;
- (c) level of stocks of certified seed held by relevant operators.

Period of notification: by **15 November** each year in respect of area harvested in that year as regards area accepted for certification; by **15 January** each year in respect of the previous year as regards harvested seed; by the **end of February and the end of July** in respect of the preceding month as regards stocks.

Member States concerned: Member States concerned by points 1, 2 and 3 of Annex I or point 2 of Annex II.’

R 2022/791 – Q&A document

A document compiling questions and answers is available (Q&A on ‘general issues, and 2022 stocks and seeds amendment’).

https://agriculture.ec.europa.eu/common-agricultural-policy/agri-food-supply-chain/market-transparency_en#documents

R 2022/791 – legal issues

Issues currently being discussed, both in relation to 1d. (c) – ‘level of stocks of certified seed held by relevant operators’, for the July deadline (ref June stocks):

- 1. June seed stocks often very low, as too early in the harvest** (originally set to link with marketing year):

The paragraph on the period of notification could be replaced by the following:

‘Period of notification: by 15 November each year in respect of area harvested in that year as regards area accepted for certification; by 15 January each year in respect of the previous year as regards harvested seed; by the end of February, and between the end of July and the end of September, as soon as possible after harvesting is completed and before sowing starts for each crop, in respect of the preceding month as regards stocks.’

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Issues currently being discussed, both in relation to 1d. (c) – ‘level of stocks of certified seed held by relevant operators’, for the July deadline (ref June stocks):

2. In some MSs **stocks over the Summer months do not give an accurate picture of seed availability**, as harvesting and sowing are happening simultaneously:

COM proposal: Member States facing difficulties providing stock levels "*can provide an estimate of the quantities of harvested seed for certification harvested during the summer months, by the end of September.*"

Your views?

Thank you



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