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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6.

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>THE REPUBLIC OF LATVIA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: Ministry of Agriculture Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and web-site addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:
3.	Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [], 5.7.1 [], other:
4.	Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Lucerne seeds (HS 120921); Clover seeds (Trifolium spp.) (HS: 120922); Fescue seeds (Festuca spp.) (HS: 120923); Meadow grass seeds (Poa spp.) (HS: 120924); Ryegrass seeds (Lolium spp.) (HS: 120925); Timothy seeds (Phleum spp.) (HS: 120926); other fodder plants seeds (HS: 120929)
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Regulations Amending the Regulations of 3 April 2001 on Fodder Plant Seed Growing and Marketing (13 pages, in Latvian)
6.	Description of content: Regulations establish requirements for seed production of all fodder plants seeds, classification for seed material in categories according to requirements of EU, requirements for seed quality testing. Regulations regulate a level of moisture content of all fodder plants seeds, validity terms of seed certificate and seed quality testing results. According to results of scientific research, germination power of fodder plants can change essential in the time of storage under Latvian climate conditions.
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: To protect growers from using seed material with poor quality, the validity term of seed certificate and seed quality testing results is not longer than one year.
8.	Relevant documents: 1966/401/EC
9.	Proposed date of adoption: September 2003 Proposed date of entry into force: 1 January 2004
10.	Final date for comments: 30 August 2003
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and web-site addresses, if available of the other body: