STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1978 No. 308

PLANT BREEDERS' RIGHTS

The Plant Breeders' Rights (Wood Meadow-Grass, Swamp Meadow-Grass, Smooth Stalked Meadow-Grass and Rough Stalked Meadow-Grass) Scheme 1978

Made - - - -	*28th February* 1978
Laid before Parliament	*10th March* 1978
Coming into Operation	*1st April* 1978

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, the Secretary of State for Scotland and the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland (being the Secretary of State concerned with agriculture in Northern Ireland), acting jointly, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by sections 1(1) and (5), 3(1) and 5(7) of the Plant Varieties and Seeds Act 1964(**a**), (extended to Northern Ireland by the Plant Varieties and Seeds (Northern Ireland) Order 1964(**b**) and to the Isle of Man by the Plant Varieties and Seeds (Isle of Man) Order 1969(**c**)) and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, after consultation with the Controller of Plant Variety Rights and with representatives of such interests as appear to them to be concerned, hereby make the following scheme: —

Citation and commencement

1. This scheme may be cited as the Plant Breeders' Rights (Wood meadow-grass, Swamp meadow-grass, Smooth stalked meadow-grass and Rough stalked meadow-grass) Scheme 1978 and shall come into operation on 1st April 1978.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In this scheme, unless the context otherwise requires—

"the Act" means the Plant Varieties and Seeds Act 1964;

"plant breeders' rights" means rights which may be granted in accordance with Part I of the Act;

"plant variety" means any clone, line, hybrid or genetic variant.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889(**d**) shall apply to the interpretation of this scheme as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

(**a**) 1964 c. 14. (**b**) S.I. 1964/1574. (**c**) S.I. 1969/1829. (**d**) 1889 c. 63.

Plant varieties for which plant breeders' rights may be granted

3. There are prescribed for the purposes of the grant of plant breeders' rights:—

(*a*) all plant varieties of Wood meadow-grass which conform with the characteristics of cultivated plant varieties of the species *Poa nemoralis* L.;

(*b*) all plant varieties of Swamp meadow-grass which conform with the characteristics of cultivated plant varieties of the species *Poa palustris* L.;

(*c*) all plant varieties of Smooth stalked meadow-grass which conform with the characteristics of cultivated plant varieties of the species *Poa pratensis* L.; and

(*d*) all plant varieties of Rough stalked meadow-grass which conform with the characteristics of cultivated plant varieties of the species *Poa trivialis* L.

Period for which rights are exercisable

4. The period for which plant breeders' rights shall be exercisable in respect of any of the plant varieties referred to in the last preceding paragraph shall be 20 years.

Class of plant varieties for the purposes of section 5(7) of the Act

5. In relation to any of the varieties referred to in paragraph 3 of this scheme, the class of plant varieties prescribed for the purposes of section 5(7) of the Act (which enables a class of plant varieties to be prescribed in connection with the use of names likely to deceive or cause confusion) consists of all plant varieties of the species specified in the Schedule to the scheme.

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 22nd February 1978.

(L.S.)

John Silkin,
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

Bruce Millan,
Secretary of State for Scotland.

23rd February 1978.

Roy Mason,
Secretary of State for Northern Ireland.

28th February 1978.

SCHEDULE

SPECIES OF WHICH PLANT VARIETIES ARE PRESCRIBED FOR THE PURPOSES OF SECTION 5(7) OF THE ACT

Name	*Common Name*
Agrostis canina L. var. *arida* Schlechtd.	Brown bent
Agrostis canina L. ssp. *canina* Hwd.	Velvet bent
Agrostis gigantea Roth	Red top
Agrostis stolonifera L.	Creeping bent
Agrostis tenuis Sibth.	Brown top
Alopecurus pratensis L.	Meadow foxtail
Arrhenatherum elatius (L.) Beauv. ex. J et C Presl.	Tall oatgrass
Bromus wildenowii Kunth	Rescue grass
Bromus inermis Leyss.	Awnless brome, Smooth brome
Cynosurus cristatus L.	Crested dog's-tail
Dactylis glomerata L.	Cocksfoot
Festuca arundinacea Schreb.	Tall fescue
Festuca ovina L. *sensu lato*	Sheep's fescue, Fine-leaved Sheep's fescue and Hard fescue
Festuca pratensis Huds.	Meadow fescue
Festuca rubra L.	Red fescue, Chewings fescue
Lolium multiflorum Lam.	Italian and Westerwolds ryegrass
Lolium perenne L.	Perennial ryegrass
Lolium multiflorum Lam. x. *Perenne* L.	Hybrid ryegrass
Phalaris arundinacea L.	Reed canary grass
Phleum pratense L. and *Phleum bertolonii* DC.	Timothy
Poa annua L.	Annual meadow-grass
Poa nemoralis L.	Wood meadow-grass
Poa palustris L.	Swamp meadow-grass
Poa pratensis L.	Smooth stalked meadow-grass
Poa trivialis L.	Rough stalked meadow-grass
Trisetum flavescens (L.) Beauv.	Yellow oatgrass, Golden oatgrass
x. *Festulolium* spp.	Festuca/Lolium hybrids

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Scheme.)

This Scheme, made under the Plant Varieties and Seeds Act 1964, prescribes the varieties of Wood meadow-grass, Swamp meadow-grass, Smooth stalked meadow-grass and Rough stalked meadow-grass, in respect of which grants of plant breeders' rights may be made and also prescribes the period of 20 years as that during which the rights may be exercised.

The aforesaid Act, as read with this Scheme, provides that infringements of the rights in the registered name of a variety of Wood meadow-grass, Swamp meadow-grass, Smooth stalked meadow-grass or of Rough stalked meadow-grass may be the subject of legal proceedings when committed in connection with a variety of a species which is specified for that purpose in the Schedule to the Scheme.

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