

Key to Seed Audit Summary report tables.

Each crop table contains the following information:

- a) **Date** - the date the final audit report was submitted to DEFRA Plant Varieties and Seeds Division (PVS).
- b) **Company** – the trading or registered name of the company audited.
- c) **Address** – the trading or registered address of the company audited.
- d) **Variety** – the variety name (or reference number) of the audited seed.
- e) **Origin of seed** – the country where the seed was produced.
- f) **Assurance protocols in place?** – a description of the type(s) of assurance provided by the company in order to ensure there is no adventitious GM presence. A company may demonstrate due diligence by providing **written assurances** of, for example, the seed production history, parental breeding lines and the maintenance of appropriate isolation from GM crops **and/or** the results of **analytical testing**, such as PCR analysis, carried out on representative samples of seed.

The types of assurances fulfilling standards of due diligence are described in the crop guidance documents produced by the GM Inspectorate.

- g) **Adventitious GM presence?** – entries in this column refer to analytical testing results and/or written assurances on GM presence in the seed. Either the company or their suppliers may provide the assurance. In order to be accepted as a valid form of assurance the testing and/or written assurances must satisfy the criteria specified in the relevant crop guidance document. The following standard wording is used for this column:

1. No GM presence above the detection level;
2. No authorised GM presence above the interim threshold level;
3. Authorised GM presence above the interim threshold level;
4. Unauthorised GM presence;
5. No GM presence, based on written assurances [and testing].

Where there is uncertainty over the documentation provided (e.g. letters of assurance or testing results) and/or there is a suspicion of adventitious GM presence, the GM Inspectorate may take samples for testing.

- h) **Action taken** – briefly summarises any action that has been taken or requested by the GM Inspectorate or other statutory body with regard to the findings of the seed audit. The statement “No action - satisfactory assurance protocols in place” denotes that the company has taken adequate steps to guard against the adventitious presence of unauthorised GM events in its conventional seed.
- i) **Company comments** – this column has been made available to the relevant seed companies to attach comments regarding individual seed lots.