

REPORT on MEETING with NATIONAL SEED  
DEVELOPMENT ORGANISATION in NORTH BRITISH  
HOTEL, EDINBURGH, on THURSDAY, 5th JANUARY,  
1978.

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PRESENT: N.S.D.O. Messrs. Falcon (Chairman), B. Forrest, Dr. Maiser, and  
N. Greenwood.

Department of Agriculture: Mr. Todd

N.F.U. : Messrs. W. Smith and P. Tait.

V.T.S.C. Association: Messrs. J. Roy and J. Marshall

Pentlandfield: Dr. John Holden.

P.M.B. : Mr. Sinclair

S.P.T.A. : Messrs. I. Barr, R. McArthur, H. Lindsay, A.J. Allan  
and R.D. Hunter.

EXPORTS. The Chairman indicated to the Meeting that consideration was  
being given to a similar Export Licence to that adopted by N.S.D.O. being  
introduced for all varieties of potatoes handled by P.R.B. Mr. Falcon  
invited comments.

In reply to Mr. Barr, Mr. Falcon, supported by the other Members of  
N.S.D.O. replied that in view of the success of the arrangement with Snr.  
Matutano in respect of the varieties for which he already has exclusive  
rights in Spain it was likely that N.S.D.O. would continue, at least for  
the time being, to grant similar rights in respect of new varieties to be  
introduced by N.S.D.O. into Spain. Mr. Greenwood informed the Meeting  
that the existing agreement with Matutano contained certain "performance  
standards" which, if not achieved, could result in the exclusive rights in  
the particular variety being withdrawn.

ROYALTY RATE. N.S.D.O. stated that the Royalty Rate for 1979 would remain  
the same as that for 1978.

HOME MARKET. Mr. Greenwood informed the Meeting that talks were taking  
place with V.T.S.C. Association with a view to arriving at an acceptable  
formula whereby new varieties were introduced on to the home market on a  
commercial basis within a minimum period of time. Consideration was still  
being given to the manner in which Drayton was to be introduced.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the Meeting.