

IMPLEMENTING GUIDELINES ON SEED MULTIPLICATION, PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION OF RECOMMENDED SUPERIOR FOOD CROP CULTIVARS

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Pursuant to the Implementing Rules and Regulations of the Seed Industry Development Act 7308 of 1992 and the need to provide and sustain adequate supply of high quality seeds of superior crop cultivars to farmers, the following shall be the policies and guidelines of the Department of Agriculture on seed multiplication, production and distribution.

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Seed Multiplication and Production

1.1 Government and private breeding institutions shall be responsible for the production of breeder seeds and maintenance of buffer stock of officially approved and released cultivars for commercial planting;

1.2. The multiplication of breeder, foundation and registered seeds shall be done at the different seed network identified as per attachment A[*];

1.3. Regional Directors shall identify among accredited seed growers those qualified to produce registered seeds and list should be submitted to the Bureau of Plant Industry (BPI);

1.4 Crop cultivars/varieties to be produced are those that are approved and officially released by the National Seed Industry Council;

1.5 Certified seed requirements of any government program shall be produced only by accredited individual farmers, members of cooperatives/associations, cooperatives or private seed companies;

1.6 Regional Directors are responsible in planning/programming certified seed production targets including 10% buffer stock in cooperation with seed growers and local government units. The program should be based on demand of end users as to the variety, varietal reaction to pests and diseases and to the agro-climatic adaptability;

1.7 In case of cultivars/hybrids developed by private sector, they are responsible in production and multiplication of their seeds, however, DA Regional Director should be provided with data on seed availability for monitoring purposes;

1.8 Breeding institution representative shall be allowed to monitor and visit standing seed crop fields of their variety at any stage;

1.9 Seed producers must filed application for inspection and certification for all seed crops with the nearest Seed Quality Control Services Office (SQCS).

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Seed Processing and Seed Storage

2.1 All facilities for seed processing and seed storage must be cleaned and disinfected prior to operations;

2.2 Processed seeds must be bagged in new container at officially prescribed weight as per Annex B properly labelled and piled;

2.3 Seed Inspectors shall be informed by Seed Growers of the schedule of planting, harvesting, processing and storage for seed sampling and seed certification;

2.4 The seeds for certification keep in proper storage shall only be tagged and sealed by the Seed Inspectors;

2.5 Seed producers shall maintain inventory records of seed stock for monitoring purposes.

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Seed Distribution

3.1 BPI shall coordinate with seed production networks the distribution of breeder, foundation and registered seeds;

3.2 Only certified and tagged seeds shall be distributed;

3.3 Only accredited seed growers shall be allowed to buy registered seeds;

3.4 Breeding institutions shall strictly limit distribution of breeder and foundation seeds to seed networks and accredited seed growers;

3.5 Regional and Provincial Seed Coordinators shall submit to Regional Directors and BPI list of recipients of foundation and registered seeds indicating names, location of farm, quantity, variety and class f seeds distributed.

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Monitoring

4.1 Regional Seed Coordinators shall maintain appropriate monitoring system as to production areas, expected date of harvest, actual production and stock inventory using prescribed formats as per attachment C[*];

4.2 Regional and Provincial Seed Coordinator shall maintain information board showing summary of seed production, distribution and stock inventory for all crops of seed network;

4.3 Regional and Provincial Seed Coordinators in coordination with research institution shall monitor varietal performance of distributed crop varieties/cultivars for future planning;

4.4 Regional Seed Coordinators, and ROS/Center Managers shall submit quarterly reports of seed production and distribution;

4.5 The Bureau of Plant Industry in coordination with all those in the seed network shall monitor the implementation of these guidelines.

This Order takes effect immediately and supersedes all other orders inconsistent herewith.

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Annex B

Official Packaging of Crops Seeds

RICE - 40 kilos/bag or 20 kilos/bag

CORN:

Open Pollinated - 20 kilos/bag

Hybrid - 18 kilos/bag

MUNGO - 20 kilos/bag

SOYBEAN - 20 kilos/bag

PEANUT - 25 kilos/bag

COTTON - 15 kilos/bag

VEGETABLE LEGUMES - 20 kilos/bag

CUCURBITS - 20 kilos/bag

CRUCIFIERS - 25 kilos/bag

SOLANACEOUS - 10 kilos/bag

[*] Please see Appendix C, page 204.

[*] Text available upon request at Office of the National Administrative Register, U.P. Law Center.

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