

SEEDS (CERTIFICATION AND STANDARDS) REGULATIONS, 2018

EPISODE 15

Rules for certifying self-pollinated rice seed

43. Land requirements for growing rice seeds

A person shall not grow rice seeds on land on which rice seeds have been grown in the previous two years, except where the rice grown on that land previously.

- a) Is for the same variety as the one being offered for certification; and
- b) Has been inspected and approved for varietal purity.

44. Without limiting regulation 161, the certifying authority shall conduct at least three field inspection of a rice field

- a) Before the flowering stage to verify isolation and varietal purity;
- b) At the beginning of booting to verify purity; and
- c) At physiological maturity

45. Restriction on the number of rice seed varieties

A person who grows more than one variety of rice seeds shall ensure that the field on which a variety is grown is isolated from the field on which other varieties are grown, by a distance Schedule.

46. Standards for the isolation of rice seed fields

A person who grows rice seeds of a class specified in regulation 10 (1) shall, where the field for the planting of the rice is bunded, plant the rice isolated from other fields on which rice seed is grown in accordance with the isolation distance set out in columns 1 and 2 of paragraph 4 of the Second Schedule.

47. Specific standards for the isolation of rice seed fields

The certifying authority shall consider a field as acceptable for producing rice seeds if the field meets the specific field standards set out in paragraph 4 of the Second Schedule.

48. Standards for rice seeds

- 1) The standards for rice seeds are as set out in the Fourth Schedule.
- 2) The certifying authority shall obtain from a person who grows rice seed, a representative sample of seven hundred grammes of rice seed produced for sale.
- 3) The certifying authority shall obtain a representative sample for each lot of rice seed, if the grower has more than one lot of seed.

49. Laboratory analysis

The certifying authority shall not certify rice seeds unless the laboratory analysis of the rice seeds are as set out in the Fourth Schedule.

EPISODE 16

Certifying legumes

Rules for certifying self-pollinated groundnut seeds

50. Land requirements for growing groundnut seeds

- 1) The certifying authority shall certify groundnut seed if the groundnut seeds are grown on land on which
 - a) Groundnut seeds have not been grown for the two years preceding the date they are grown; or

- b) Groundnut seeds have been grown in the two years preceding the date they are grown but the groundnut seeds grown were of the same variety or grown from an equal or higher seed class as the groundnut seeds presented for certification.
- 2) The certifying authority shall not certify groundnut seeds if the groundnut seeds were
 - a) Grown on field part of which was used to thresh groundnut seeds for a period of one year preceding the date it is grown.
 - b) Grown on a field which has been used as a thresher refuse for a period of one year preceding its growth.

51. Inspection of a groundnut field

Without limiting regulation 161, the certifying authority shall conduct at least two field inspections

- a) Before the flowering stage to verify isolation; and
- b) At flowering to verify purity

52. Specific standards for isolation of groundnut fields

- 1) A person shall grow only one variety of groundnut seed on a field.
- 2) The certifying authority shall consider a field as acceptable for producing groundnuts if the field meets the specific field standards set out in paragraph 5 of the Second Schedule.

53. Standards for groundnut seeds

- 1) The certifying authority shall obtain from a person who grows groundnut seed, a representative sample of three kilograms of the unshelled groundnut seed produced for sale.
- 2) The certifying authority shall obtain a representative sample for each lot of unshelled groundnut seed, if the grower has more than one lot of the seed.

54. Minimum standards allowed in each class of groundnut seed

The minimum standards allowed in each class of groundnut seed are as specified in the Fifth Schedule.

55. Laboratory analysis

The certifying authority shall not certify groundnut seeds unless the laboratory analysis of groundnut seeds are as set out in the Fifth Schedule