

SEEDS (CERTIFICATION AND STANDARDS) REGULATIONS, 2018

EPISODE 5

8. Acceptance of new crops and varieties

- 1) The Committee shall cause a new crop or plant variety to be tested for
 - a) Yield;
 - b) Survival
 - c) Disease reaction
 - d) Nutritional characteristics; and
 - e) Other important requirements of a crop plant.
- 2) The Committee shall compare the results from the test to a standard commercial variety of that crop or plant, using an experimental technique that ensures a valid measure of differences and their significance.
- 3) For purposes of sub regulation (2), the Committee shall include in each test, at least one check variety.
- 4) A new crop or plant variety shall not be approved for release and registration under these Regulations, unless it is superior in performance to the existing commercial variety of that crop or plant in one or more characteristics important for that type of crop or plant and is at least satisfactory in other major requirements.

9. Withdrawal of variety from National Variety Catalogue

The National Seed Council shall withdraw a variety from the National Variety Catalogue where;

- a) The variety loses its identity;
- b) The breeder fails to comply with the conditions of registration; or
- c) The breeder procures the registration of the variety by fraud or misrepresentation

EPISODE 6

10. Classes of seeds

- 1) There is established by these Regulations the following classes of seeds:
 - a) Pre-basic seed or breeder seed;
 - b) Basic seed or foundation seed; and
 - c) Certified seed in the nature of
 - i) R1 first generation certified seed;
 - ii) R2 second generation certified seed; and
 - iii) R3 emergency seed.
- 2) For the purposes of this regulation
 - a) "R¹ certified seed" means a first-generation seed produced from a basic seed;
 - b) "R² certified seed" means a second-generation seed produced from a first-generation certified seed (R1); and
 - c) "R³ certified seed" means a third-generation seed produced from a second-generation certified seed.
- 3) The certifying authority may approve
 - a) A pre-basic seed or breeder seed for use in the production of a basic seed only, and the pre-basic seed or breeder seed shall be identified by a white tag with diagonal violet strips, issued by the certifying authority;

- b) A basic seed or a foundation seed and that seed shall be identified by a white tag issued by the certifying authority; and
- c) A certified seed and that seed shall be identified by
 - i) A blue tag for first generation certified seeds; and
 - ii) A red tag for F1 hybrid seeds issued by the certifying authority