

SEEDS (CERTIFICATION AND STANDARDS) REGULATIONS, 2018

EPISODE 9

Field inspection

15. Application for field inspection

- 1) A person may apply, in writing, to the certifying authority for a field inspection to be conducted on the field of that person.
- 2) The applicant shall complete a field inspection application form available from a zonal or regional office of the certifying authority from the website of the Ministry.
- 3) The applicant shall submit the application form as set out the First Schedule to the certifying authority together with a seed tag or the official receipt for seed bought and the prescribed fees, not less than two weeks before the date fixed for the inspection.
- 4) The field inspections carried out by the certifying authority shall be of a number sufficient to assure the genetic purity of the variety.

16. Rogueing

- 1) An applicant shall, before inspection, rogue the field.
- 2) An applicant who rogues a field before inspection shall ensure that an off-type, a diseased plant, a prohibited weed, or any other plant that may alter quality is removed.

EPISODE 10

Certifying cereals

17. Open pollinated maize seed

- 1) A person shall not produce maize seed of a class specified in regulation 10 (1), unless
 - a) The maize seed is a sound ear and is free from a transmissible non-controllable disease; and
 - b) The land from which it is produced has not been used in the previous year to grow another variety of maize seed or a lesser class of the same variety of that maize seed.
- 2) Without limiting regulation 161, the certifying authority shall on application by the producer conduct at least three field inspections of the field.
- 3) The inspection shall be conducted
 - a) Before tasseling to verify isolation and varietal purity;
 - b) At the beginning of tasseling to verify the varietal purity; and
 - c) Soon after the milk stage when the leaves are still green to verify the sterile male.
- 4) For purposes of this regulation, "sound ear" means an ear free from abnormal disorders.

18. Standards for the isolation of maize fields

A person who grows maize seed of a class specified in regulation 10 (1) shall, plant the maize seed on a field which is isolated from other maize fields by the minimum isolation distance set out in paragraph 1 of the Second Schedule.

19. Purity of maize seed

- 1) A person who grows maize seed of a class specified in regulation 10 (1) shall ensure that the purity of the maize seed is as set out in paragraph I of the Second Schedule.
- 2) The field on which maize seed of the class specified under regulation 10 (1) is planted must be clean and free from volunteer plants.

20. Plant characteristics of maize seed

A person who grows maize seed shall ensure that

- a) The plants are vigorous and free of excessive lodging and diseases;
- b) The height of the plant and height of ears on the plant are reasonably uniform according to the variety; and
- c) The ears of the plant have good tight and long husk covering.