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Sub: Guidelines for deposition of imported seed sample with ICAR.

The Department of Agriculture and Cooperation has finalised the guidelines for deposition of imported seed samples with ICAR for trial purpose and maintenance of sample of planting material at ICAR Institute. The copy of the guidelines is enclosed.

All concerned are requested to follow the guidelines for deposition of imported seed samples with ICAR.



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8. Director, NBPGR, Pusa New Delhi.
9. Managing Director of all State Seed Corporations.
10. Director, State Seed Certification Agency of all States/UTs.
11. Director General of Foreign Trade, Ministry of Commerce, Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi.
12. Plant Protection Adviser, Directorate of Plant Protection, Quarantine and Storage, NH.IV, Faridabad (Haryana).
13. Director General, National Seed Association of India (NSAI), New Delhi with the request to bring these proformae to the notice of all their members.
14. Chairman and Managing Director, National Seeds Corporation Ltd., Beej Bhawan, Pusa Complex, New Delhi-110012 with the request to give this wide publicity.
15. Chairman, Agriculture & Processed Foods Export Development Authority (APEDA).
16. DC (Seeds)/AC (Seeds)/US (Seeds)/AD (Seeds)/AD (QC)/SO (Seed.1).
17. Senior Technical Director, NIC – with a request to host it on Seednet Portal as well as agricoop.nic.

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Guidelines for deposition of imported seed sample with ICAR.

1. The sample of imported seeds/planting material recommended by EXIM Committee of DAC shall be given to ICAR in following ways:-
 - (i) Small quantity of seeds of crops including crops covered under New Policy on Seed Development, 1988 i.e. cereals, coarse cereals, pulses, oilseeds and fodder shall be deposited in NBPGR for maintenance/conservation purpose.
 - (ii) Small quantity of planting materials of fruits/ornamental plants will be handed over to concerned ICAR Institute for maintenance/conservation/evaluation purpose.
 - (iii) Specified quantity of seeds of crops covered under New Policy on Seed Development, 1988 shall be given to respective ICAR Crop Directorate/ PC/PD for conducting multi-locational trials.
2. PPA shall draw the samples from the imported material at the time of quarantine clearance and send the sample directly to ICAR Institutes for trial purpose and NBPGR for conservation purpose as per the quantity specified by EXIM Committee.
3. NBPGR shall keep in safe custody the seed samples of crops covered under the New Policy on Seed Development, 1988 for any future dispute and they will not share the proprietary material in public domain.
4. The proforma for giving minimum passport data and quantity of seeds for depositing in the gene bank is at Annexure I.
5. The seeds sample of variety/hybrid, once deposited in the NBPGR/concerned ICAR Institute need not be deposited again.
6. All PC/PD of ICAR will submit the report of the test results of the imported seed samples to ADG (Seeds), ICAR with a copy to Seeds Division, Department of Agriculture and Cooperation within three months from the date of completion of test results.
7. For Horticulture crops, minimum 25 gram seeds and 10 planting material should be deposited with the concerned ICAR Institute for conservation/preservation.

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Proforma for Minimum passport data required for deposition of seeds of imported varieties

1. Crop name
2. Botanical name
3. Country and State of Donor
4. Name and address of the importer
5. Name of the variety
6. Pedigree/Parentage
7. Developing Institute
8. Biological Status (Hybrid, Parental Line, Improved cultivar, inbred etc)
9. Seed quantity required (minimum 2500 seeds for self pollinated and 5000 for cross pollinated crops)
10. Specific traits

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