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Government of India
Ministry of Agriculture
Department of Agriculture & Cooperation**

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C I R C U L A R

Subject: Revision of New Policy on Seed Development, 1988.

National Seed Policy 2002 provides that all import of seeds and planting materials, etc. will be allowed freely subject to EXIM Policy Guidelines and the requirements of the Plants, Fruits and Seeds (Regulation of import into India) Order, 1989 as amended from time to time. Import of parental lines of newly developed varieties will also be encouraged.

The policy also provides that seed and planting materials imported for sale into the country will have to meet minimum seed standards of seed health, germination, genetic and physical purity as prescribed. All importers will make available a small sample of the imported seed to the Gene Bank maintained by NBPGR.

In order to harmonize New Policy on Seed Development, 1988 with the National Seed Policy 2002 certain provisions of New Policy on Seed Development, 1988 as indicated below were proposed to be revised in consultation with ICAR to streamline the procedures for import of seeds/planting material vide the circular of even number dated 27.04.2011 inviting comments/objections, if any on the draft amendments circulated therein to be furnished within 31.05.2011. After considering the comments received, the competent authority has been pleased to approve the following revision/amendment to the New Policy on Seed Development, 1988.

1. Existing para 4.2 is revised and substituted as-

**Seeds
Wheat
Paddy** **of
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“4.2.1 The ICAR has effective research collaboration with IRRI, Manila and CIMMYT, Mexico. In addition, germplasm of wheat and paddy is also being imported from various countries through the help of International Board of Plant & Genetic Resources. The Departments of Agriculture & Cooperation (DAC) and Agricultural Research and Education (DARE) will keep in close touch with the FAO/CGIAR in regard to the latest developments abroad in wheat and paddy. In order to provide to the Indian farmer the best planting material available in the world to increase productivity, the import of seeds of wheat and paddy may also be allowed as per provisions of

the Plant Quarantine Order, 2003 as amended from time to time for a period not exceeding two years by companies, which have technical/financial collaboration agreement for production of seeds with companies abroad, provided the foreign supplier agrees to supply parent line seeds/nucleus or breeder seeds/technology to the Indian company within a period of two years from the date of import of the first commercial consignment after its import has been recommended by DAC.

4.2.2 A quantity of 16 kg of seeds of wheat and 5 kg seeds of paddy for sowing sought to be imported by eligible importers, will be given to ICAR or such farms, which are accredited by ICAR, for trial and evaluation. After trial/evaluation for one crop season, the ICAR will intimate the results, agro-climatic zone-wise, within three months of the season to DAC. After the receipt of the result of the ICAR trial/evaluation, an eligible importer may apply for the bulk import of such seed to the DAC.

**Seed for
trial/
evaluation
by ICAR**

2. Existing para 4.3.5 is revised and substituted as-

4.3.5 “Trial/evaluation of the seeds of coarse cereals/pulses and oil seeds for sowing sought to be imported by eligible importers will be conducted by ICAR and / or such farms, which are accredited by ICAR for trial and evaluation, including farms operated by the importer and as per the procedures and protocols developed by ICAR and circulated by the DAC and subject to the supervision and monitoring by ICAR. The quantity of seed to be imported for this purpose is indicated in Annexure-I. After trial/evaluation for one crop season, the ICAR and the importers will intimate the results, of the trials agro-climate zone-wise, within three months of the season to DAC. After the receipt of the result of these trials/evaluations, eligible importers may apply for the bulk import of such seed to the DAC”.

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Annexure-I**Maximum quantity of seed permitted for import of multi locational trials by the ICAR and for simultaneous agronomic trials by eligible importers.**

(Qty. in kgs.)

| S. No. | Name of crops | Quantity allowed for import to be made available to the ICAR for multi locational trials. | Quantity of import allowed for agronomic trials by the importer. | Total quantity of seed allowed for import multilocalational trials by ICAR and agronomic trials by the importer. |
|--------|--------------------|---|--|--|
| 1 | Bajra | 2.0 | 3.0 | 5.0 |
| 2 | Jowar | 4.0 | 6.0 | 10.0 |
| 3 | Maize | 10.0 | 15.0 | 25.0 |
| 4 | Minor Millets | 4.0 | 6.0 | 10.0 |
| 5 | Peas | 30.0 | 70.0 | 100.0 |
| 6 | Pigeon Pea | 6.0 | 14.0 | 20.0 |
| 7 | Mungbean | 6.0 | 14.0 | 20.0 |
| 8 | Urd bean | 6.0 | 14.0 | 20.0 |
| 9 | Cowpea | 10.0 | 20.0 | 30.0 |
| 10 | Lentil | 10.0 | 20.0 | 30.0 |
| 11 | Chickpea | 30.0 | 70.0 | 100.0 |
| 12 | Rajmah/field beans | 30.0 | 90.0 | 120.0 |
| 13 | Groundnut (Pod) | 50.0 | 100.0 | 150.0 |
| 14 | Rapeseed-Mustard | 2.0 | 3.0 | 5.0 |
| 15 | Sesamum | 2.0 | 3.0 | 5.0 |
| 16 | Linseed | 10.0 | 15.0 | 25.0 |
| 17 | Sunflower | 4.0 | 8.0 | 12.0 |
| 18 | Soyabean | 20.0 | 55.0 | 75.0 |
| 19 | Castor | 6.0 | 9.0 | 15.0 |
| 20 | Niger | 4.0 | 4.0 | 8.0 |