

**[ DA ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 10, August 29, 1994 ]**

**IMPLEMENTING GUIDELINES ON SEED MULTIPLICATION,  
PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION OF RECOMMENDED SUPERIOR  
FOOD CROP CULTIVARS**

Pursuant to the Implementing Rules and Regulations of the Seed Industry Development Act 7308 of 1992 and the need to provide and sustain adequate supply of high quality seeds of superior crop cultivars to farmers, the following shall be the policies and guidelines of the Department of Agriculture on seed multiplication, production and distribution.

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Seed Multiplication and Production

1.1 Government and private breeding institutions shall be responsible for the production of breeder seeds and maintenance of buffer stock of officially approved and released cultivars for commercial planting;

1.2. The multiplication of breeder, foundation and registered seeds shall be done at the different seed network identified as per attachment A\*;

1.3. Regional Directors shall identify among accredited seed growers those qualified to produce registered seeds and list should be submitted to the Bureau of Plant Industry (BPI);

1.4 Crop cultivars/varieties to be produced are those that are approved and officially released by the National Seed Industry Council;

1.5 Certified seed requirements of any government program shall be produced only by accredited individual farmers, members of cooperatives/associations, cooperatives or private seed companies;

1.6 Regional Directors are responsible in planning/programming certified seed production targets including 10% buffer stock in cooperation with seed growers and local government units. The program should be based on demand of end users as to the variety, varietal reaction to pests and diseases and to the agro-climatic adaptability;

1.7 In case of cultivars/hybrids developed by private sector, they are responsible in production and multiplication of their seeds, however, DA Regional Director should be provided with data on seed availability for monitoring purposes;

1.8 Breeding institution representative shall be allowed to monitor and visit standing seed crop fields of their variety at any stage;

1.9 Seed producers must filed application for inspection and certification for all seed crops with the nearest Seed Quality Control Services Office (SQCS).