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GUIDELINES ON RICE SEED CERTIFICATION

Pursuant to the provisions of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of RA 7308, otherwise known as the Seed Industry Development Act of 1992, Chapter III, Article II, Section 3, and upon approval of the National Seed Industry Council, the following guidelines are hereby adopted to ensure better quality of seeds:

I. Field Inspection

Field inspection shall be conducted by Deputized Seed Inspectors

A. For inbred rice seed production, a minimum of two (2) field inspections, preliminary and final shall be required during flowering stage and before harvesting. More inspections may be done to assess presence of off-types weeds, diseased plants and other contaminants.

B. For hybrid rice seed production of F1 and parental seeds (A or CMS line, B or maintainer line and R or Restorer Line), a minimum of four (4) inspections shall be required to verify and assure the removal of possible sources of contaminants. More inspections however may be done before final rouging of female parents prior to harvesting.

II. Seed Sampling

Seed sampling shall be carried out by Deputized Seed Inspectors. The Certifying Agency may conduct seed sampling only when deemed necessary. Samples shall be taken at random following ISTA Rules on seed sampling for inbred seeds, intensity of seed sampling shall be as follows:

No. of bags in lot	No. of bags to sample
1-9	Every bag
10-15	10
16-25	12
26-35	15
36-49	17
50-64	20
65-80	23
81-100	25
101-120	27
121 and above	30