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**REVISED CRITERIA FOR ACCREDITATION OF HYBRID RICE SEED
GROWERS/PRODUCERS**

Pursuant to the provisions of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of R.A. 7308, otherwise known as the Seed Industry Development Act of 1992 and upon approval of the National Seed Industry Council, the following criteria for accreditation are hereby promulgated to provide and sustain the adequate supply of hybrid rice seeds of desired quality.

1. The applicant must be an individual hybrid rice seed grower, seed growers' cooperative/association or a seed company.
2. For individual hybrid rice seed grower, he must:
 - a. be a graduate of Hybrid Rice Seed Production training course conducted by government agencies involved in the training and implementation of hybrid rice seed production program;
 - b. have undertaken hybrid rice seed production for at least 2 cropping seasons, wet and dry; and
 - c. be willing to undergo retooling course at his expense every three years before renewal of accreditation.
3. For seed growers cooperative/association it must:
 - a. be duly registered with Cooperative Development Authority;
 - b. have members who have finished the Hybrid Rice Seed Production training course
 - c. require its members to undergo retooling course every three years before renewal of accreditation at its own expense.
4. For seed company, it must:
 - a. be duly registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission;
 - b. have technical and extension staff with training and expertise on hybrid rice seed production
5. The production area should be fully irrigated, preferably with supplementary source of irrigation, good drainage system and relatively with fertile soil.
6. The minimum effective area for hybrid rice production must be a compact area of five (5) hectares. However, for individual seed grower with less than 5 hectares,