

**[DA ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 10. S. 1997,
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**IMPLEMENTING GUIDELINES ON THE PRODUCTION,
DISTRIBUTION AND PROCUREMENT OF REGISTERED RICE AND
CORN SEED FOR BUFFER STOCKING**

In order to sustain the availability of certified seeds, all DA-RFUs are hereby required to maintain registered seeds for buffer stocking under the following guidelines:

A. Eligible Producers and Suppliers

1. Only accredited seed growers/seed producers are eligible to supply registered seeds if the RFU Seed Farm/Seed Center/Research Station does not have stock.
2. Only registered seeds produced from foundation seeds will be stocked.
3. DA Seed Farm/Seed Center/Research Station and accredited seed growers shall produce foundation seeds for the registered seeds requirements.

B. Seed Production Systems

1. DA-RFU shall submit to the National Seed Quality Control Services in their respective region names and location of farm of prospective registered seed producers for monitoring purposes.
2. An additional production of 10-15% of the actual seed requirement shall be programmed by DA-RFUs.

C. Seed Procurement System

1. Only certified, tagged and sealed seeds and freshly harvested shall be eligible for procurement (not more than 3 months after date of harvest).
2. DA-RFU must consider the quantity, quality and varieties most preferred in the region and store at any designated warehouse or immediately deliver to the drop-off point.
3. Procurement of seeds shall be made directly from accredited seed growers.
4. Procurement of seeds for buffer stock shall be in accordance with the rules and regulations of the COA.
5. The procurement price shall be based from the current Administrative Order