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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR

TO : THE DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR; ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATORS; HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS AND STAFFS; REGIONAL IRRIGATION MANAGERS; OPERATIONS MANAGERS; HEADS OF FOREIGN ASSISTED PROJECTS; PROVINCIAL IRRIGATION OFFICERS; IRRIGATION SUPERINTENDENTS; CORPORATE AUDITOR; REGIONAL/PROJECT AUDITORS AND ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

National Irrigation Administration

SUBJECT : Revised Criteria for the Accreditation of Seed Producers

Quoted hereunder in full for the guidance and information of all concerned is the Administrative Order No. 7 s. of 1996, of the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture to wit:

"Republic of the Philippines  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
Office of the Secretary  
Elliptical Road, Diliman,  
Quezon City

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 7-96

SUBJECT : Revised Criteria for the Accreditation of Seed Producers

Pursuant to the implementation of the Seed Act, and the need to provide and sustain adequate supply of seeds of the desired quality the following criteria for accreditation of seed producers are hereby promulgated.

1. That he must be an individual farmer or a member of cooperative/seed association/farmer organization.
2. That he must undergone training on seed technology and gained skills and experiences on the basic principles and practices in producing the crop he/she is involved in.

3. For seed association, cooperatives and farmer organizations, the names of each member with their corresponding area planted for seed production must be submitted to seed certifying agency before any accreditation is issued. In cases where new members are accepted by the association, cooperatives and farmer organizations after accreditation the seed certifying agency must be notified in writing the new membership including among others the area-planted and the location of their farms.
4. That the seed must be produced in suitable areas inspected and duly certified by the seed inspector. The suitability of an area is determined by the following:
  - a. sustained irrigation throughout the year;
  - b. access to seed post harvest equipment and storage facilities;
  - c. the agro-climatic conditions for growing the crop seed must be appropriate.
5. That the minimum effective area for the particular crop (rice, corn, field legumes) must be one (1) hectare.
6. The application for seed certification for any crop must indicate seed class to be produced, variety, area to be planted and location of the farm. This shall be filed with the Seed Certifying Agency two months before planting time.
7. That he/she is willing to have the field inspected by the Seed Inspector or authorized representative of the DA/BPI Seed Certifying Agency any time before planting throughout the growing period, harvesting including threshing, processing and storage of the seeds. He should also be willing to have his/her seed lot sampled and to allow the seed inspector to draw the required amount of seed samples for laboratory analysis/seed testing of seed quality and certification.
8. Accreditation of growers of rice, corn, vegetables, and other crops shall be recommended by the Regional Director concerned after the designated Seed Inspector has validated the requirements stated herein and concurred by the Chiefs, NSQCS of the respective regions.
9. The Certificate of Accreditation duly approved by the Director of the Bureau of Plant Industry shall be furnished to the applicant and photocopies to the Regional Director and Seed Quality Control Services.

10. Certification of accreditation shall be valid for a period of 3 years. The performance of the accredited seed producer shall be validated before renewal of accreditation pursuant to Sec. 1.2 Rule 29 Chapter VII of the General Implementing Guidelines of the National Seed Quality Control Services.

All accredited seed growers must have technical updates in seed production on the crops he/she is engaged in from time to time at any station of the Department of Agriculture.

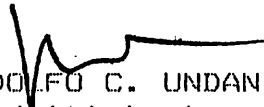
The implementation of this Order shall be fully coordinated by the DA Regional Field Units through the Regional Seed Coordinators, Chiefs of the Seed Quality Control Services and the Seed Inspectors.

Non-compliance with the above requirements shall be a ground for the denial of accreditation or cancellation of existing Certificate.

This Order takes effect immediately and supersedes Administrative Order No. 2 Series of 1994.

(SGD.) SALVADOR H. ESCUDERO III  
Secretary "

Compliance hereof is enjoined.

  
RODOLFO C. UNDAN  
Administrator

July 15, 1996