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Ref. NSAI/2016/0148

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Shri R. K. Singh
Joint Secretary (Seeds)
Department of Agriculture & Cooperation
Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
New Delhi

Dear Sir,

Subject: Request you to implement the Office Memorandum dated 28.04.1989 for the Revalidation of Certified Seed after the expiry of validity period

Reference:

1. OM dated 28-04-1989 of Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
2. OM dated 05-09-2014 of Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
3. Extension OM dated 26-02-2015 of Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
4. Extension OM dated 19-02-2016 of Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
5. Letter from Gujarat, dated, 23.06.2016.
6. NSAI letter dated 29.06.2016, regarding Revalidation of Certified Seed after the expiry of validity period
7. NSAI letter dated 09.11.2016 Revalidation of Certified Seed after the expiry of validity period (revisit of Office Memorandum dated 28.04.1989)

This is with reference to the above subject and our earlier representations submitted to you regarding the revalidation of certified seeds by State Seed Certification agencies.

We would like to keep you informed that as per the Indian Minimum Seed Certification Standard, 1988 validity period of seed certification is **nine months** which can be again revalidated for **six months**. Indian Minimum Seed Certification Standards, 1988 (Amendment No. 1) issued on 28-4-1989 clarifies about the rules for the revalidation;

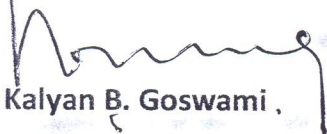
“After the expiry of validity of period, the holder of the certified seed stock shall ensure that left-over certified seed will be withdrawn from the sale and kept in the safe custody till it is offered for revalidation to a certification agency. The holder of stock of such seed shall not carry on the business of selling, keeping for sale, offering to sale, bartering or otherwise supplying the seed unless it is validated by a certification agency”.

After the revision in Indian Minimum Seed Certification Standard, 2013 (Office Memorandum dated 05-09-2014 attached) the amendment dated 28-4-1989 was missed by the Department and not incorporated in the revised edition of IMSCS 2013.

We humbly request you to implement the office memorandum dated 28.04.1989 for the revalidation of certified seeds after the expiry of validity period. So that left over/carry over seeds can be revalidated for 6 months before the sowing season, we would also like to keep you informed that sowing season for many crops spreads over 3-5 months depending on climate and area. Therefore, we would like to request you to implement the earlier Amendment No.1 issued by Office Memorandum dated 28-04-1989, which is essential for the smooth production and sales of certified seeds of improved hybrids and varieties.

Thanking You,

Yours sincerely,



Kalyan B. Goswami

CC:

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