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GENERAL GUIDLINES FOR SEED  
INDUSTRY SELF REGULATION

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# Introduction

## ➤ What is self regulation?

- ❖ It is control by oneself, self management, or itself independently of government supervision or laws,
- Self regulation complements legislation
- Guidelines set out principles and ethical practices
- Governments or her agencies have little or no oversight or regulation but industry may form organization
- The Designated Authority (DA) use seed laws to set regulations standards and ethics which guides seed industry
- The sector undertakes voluntarily to follow seed quality standards
- ❑ Do you have self regulating seed industry in your country?

# GUIDELINES FOR SELF REGULATION

- Ensures the seed standards set by designated authority (DA) are adhered to by seed provider and customers,
- the members form an internal committee to issue guidance and set standards that they can be monitored, evaluated and enforced
- Each individual has responsibility to ensure compliance with certification rules under the seed law
- Promotes interest of the seed industry by Seed Providers
- Seed providers identify and implement the standards as specifies in their own guidelines
- Self regulation is dynamic and flexible

# GUIDELINES FOR SELF REGULATION

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- Seed provider obtains all requires licenses as per the requirement by seed law
- Seed provider and staff inspect the seed crop according to the seed standards and regulations
- Seed provider and/or staff continuously tests/analysis the seed lot as required in seed law standard to ensure that the seed quality is high.
- Governments (USA) encourages farmers who plant GMOs alfalfa, bluegrass to talk to their neighbors to plant non-GMO varieties at standard isolation distance.
- The DA may authorize segment of industry to set up their respective monitoring Unit to oversee compliance

# GUIDELINES FOR SELF REGULATION cont'd

- Every seed company must have its own internal mechanism to comply and may appoint officer to audit and enforce
- For purposes of compliance, seed company may develop its own internal guidelines and procedures in consultation with DA.
- The officer must be contact for any fed back or complaint from staff or public regarding violations
- The Manager shall be responsible for self regulation and ensure these are consistent with seed quality standards.
- Manager must brief any new staff on self regulation standards
- Manager is the final decision to accept or modify guidelines

# Effect of Self Regulation

- This improves internal compliance of seed provider and staff to seed quality standards requirements
- This improves and create stress free working environment and relationship between acts especially with DA and seed managers with their staff
- Improves compliance, seed quality and repeat sales may increase
- improves traceability of the seed lot from the Breeder by the staff

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# Conclusion

- Seed law is the basis for and need by seed industry for self regulations
- Self regulation provides industry guidelines/agreements in those sections of the legislation is not very specific
- Self regulations provides an independent monitoring of the seed market as well as the requirement for this market
- Seed industry monitoring for the quality of their products with stockists is made easier
- All together the seed industry is providing a fair playing field which is good for the customer and the industry

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