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REVISED GUIDELINES FOR THE ACCREDITATION OF INBRED RICE SEED GROWERS/PRODUCERS

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Pursuant to Republic Act 7308, also known as the Seed Industry Development Act of 1992, and its Implementing Rules and Regulations, and for purposes of ensuring and providing a sustainable and adequate supply of seeds of the desired quality, the following guidelines for accreditation of inbred rice seed growers/producers are hereby promulgated.

Section 1. Coverage. This Circular shall govern the accreditation of an individual or a group of inbred rice seed growers/producers. The individual shall be a farmer, seed grower/producer or member of association/cooperative while the group/institution shall be an association, cooperative, corporation, government institution, non-government organization or international organization.

Section 2. Documentary Requirements. The following documentary requirements must be complied with for purposes of accreditation under this Circular. For documents requiring certified true copy, the applicant shall present the original copy for comparison with the scanned or photocopy. If the scanned or photocopy is found to be a faithful reproduction, the same shall be stamped Verified from the Original.

2.1 For individual seed grower/producer:

2.1.1 Duly accomplished form for Application for Accreditation as Seed

Grower/Producer (BPI-NSQCS Revised Form No. 5);

2.1.2 Latest (6 months) colored 2" x 2" ID picture;

2.1.3 Proof of ownership/usufruct over the production area by submitting any of the following: (a) Proof of land ownership (Transfer Certificate of Title/Original Certificate of Title); (b) Lease contract valid for a minimum of 3 years; or (c) any notarized document(s) showing authority over the use of the property for seed production for a minimum of 3 years;

2.1.4 Training certificate for the five (5) days Basic Training on Inbred Rice Seed Production and Certification conducted and issued by government agencies involved in the implementation of inbred rice

seed production and certification program such as Agricultural Training Institute (ATI), Bureau of Plant Industry (BPI), Department of Agriculture-Regional Field Offices (DA-RFOs) Research Stations/Centers), Philippine Rice Research Institute (PhilRice), International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) or the Institute of Crop Science- University of the Philippines Los Banos (iCropS-UPLB). The training for accreditation must be coordinated with the BPI as the accreditation authority; and

2.1.5 Accredited hybrid rice seed growers/producers who have already undergone intensive training on seed production and intend to engage on inbred rice seed production must undergo retooling on Inbred Rice Seed Production and Certification for three (3) days at their own expense, as a training requirement for accreditation as inbred rice seed growers/producers.

2.2 For group/institution such as seed growers'/producers' association/cooperative, corporation, government institution, non-government organization and international organization:

2.2.1 Duly accomplished form for Application for Accreditation as Seed Grower/Producer (BPI-NSQCS Revised Form No. 5);

2.2.2 Certificate of registration from the Cooperative Development Authority (CDA), Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), or Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), whichever is applicable;

2.2.3 Special Power of Attorney, Special Order, Memorandum Order, Board Resolution or other legal instrument authorizing the representative to transact business in behalf of the group/institution;

2.2.4 Latest (6 months) colored 2" x 2" ID picture of the authorized representative;

2.2.5 Proof of ownership/usufruct over the production area by submitting any of the following: (a) Proof of land ownership (Transfer Certificate of Title/Original Certificate of Title); (b) Lease contract valid for a minimum of 3 years); or (c) any notarized document(s) showing authority over the use of the property for seed production for a minimum of 3 years;

2.2.6 Training certificate issued to the authorized representative by government agencies such as ATI, BPI, DA-RFOs Research Stations/Centers, PhilRice, IRRI or the iCropS-UPLB involved in the implementation of inbred rice seed production and certification program for the five (5) days Basic Training on Inbred Rice Seed Production and Certification. The training for accreditation must be coordinated with the BPI as the accreditation authority. In case the authorized representative is replaced, the concerned seed grower/producer must formally inform in writing the BPI-NSQCS within 10 working days. The replacement shall undergo the Basic Training on Inbred Rice Seed Production and Certification within six (6) months upon notification of replacement; and

2.2.7 For association/cooperative, list of BPI accredited members stating the name, accreditation number, residential address, production area and location. Only members of the association/cooperative who are BPI accredited seed growers/producers are qualified to produce seeds.

Section 3. Production Area

3.1 The Applicant must have a minimum area of one (1) hectare for accreditation. Any expansion in areas should meet the requirements under Section 3.3 of this Circular within the accreditation period and shall be validated by the Deputized Seed Inspectors, recommended by the Chief of Regional/Satellite NSQCS and approved by the Chief of NSQCS Central Office.

3.2 For association/cooperative, the production area shall include the area of the individually accredited members and/or the association/cooperative managed area.

3.3 The production area should be fully irrigated with supplementary source of irrigation, good drainage system and with fertile soil.

3.4 An applicant must own or have access to post-harvest equipment and facilities such as thresher, dryer, blower, seed bagger/closer, storage, and others.

3.5 As an accredited seed grower/producer, the following requirements must be complied with not later than 20 days after transplanting:

3.5.1 Put up signboards made up of tarpaulin, plywood or plain GI sheet of displayed prominently in every seed production area with the following specification and information:

- Size: 1.2 m (L) x 0.9 m (W)
- Height from the ground: 2m

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Name of Seed Grower/ Producer:

Location of the Farm:

Variety:

Area Planted: Date Planted:

Name of Seed Inspector:

3.5.2 The signboard shall be displayed up to harvesting in all seed production areas.

3.5.3 For compact seed production area with multiple varieties, one mother billboard shall be put up following the above specification and information and indicating all the varieties planted, total area planted and the range of date of planting for all the varieties. Individual placard for each variety made up of tarpaulin, plywood or plain GI sheet will be displayed for specific area where they are planted with the following specification:

- Size: 33 cm (L) x 22 cm (W)
- Height from the ground: 2m