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**REVISED CRITERIA FOR THE ACCREDITATION OF HYBRID RICE
SEED GROWERS/PRODUCERS**

**SUBJECT : REVISED CRITERIA FOR THE ACCREDITATION OF HYBRID RICE
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Pursuant to the provisions of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act No. 7308, otherwise known as the Seed Industry Development Act of 1992 and upon approval of the National Seed Industry Council (NSIC), the following criteria for accreditation of hybrid rice seed growers/producers are hereby adopted and promulgated as a revision of A.O. No. 19, Series of 2007 to provide and sustain the adequate supply of hybrid rice seeds of desired quality.

1. The applicant can be an individual hybrid rice seed grower/producer, cooperative/association, seed company, or government institutions engaged in seed production.
2. The following are the requirements for accreditation:
 - 2.1. New applicant should be graduate of a 3-month Hybrid Rice Seed Production and Certification Training Course on Cytoplasmic Male Sterile (CMS) and Thermosensitive Genetic Male Sterile (TGMS) based hybrids coordinated by the Bureau of Plant Industry (BPI) with other government agencies (ATI, PhilRice and DA-RFUs).
 - 2.2. Applicants for the renewal of accreditation should undergo a 5-day retooling course on Hybrid Rice Seed Production and Certification at their expense.
 - 2.3. CMS hybrid accredited seed growers/producers who intend to engage in TGMS hybrid seed production shall undergo a 5-day TGMS training course.
 - 2.4. The production area must have fertile soil with sufficient irrigation and efficient drainage system, not shaded has no previous record of serious incidence of insect pests and disease.
3. The minimum area for F1 hybrid rice seed production should be one (1) hectare. Any expansion in area within the accreditation period should be applied before sowing and subject to validation by the seed inspectors, recommended by the Regional/ Satellite NSQCS Chief and approved by the Chief of NSQCS Central Office.
4. Upon filing of application, applicant shall pay a non-refundable accreditation fee of 1,500 Php. fo 1-10 hectares and 3,000 Php. If production area is more