



SUID-AFRIKAANSE NASIONALE SAADORGANISASIE

SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL SEED ORGANIZATION

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TO ALL SANSOR MEMBERS INVOLVED IN OECD CERTIFICATION

CIRCULAR

OECD CERTIFIED SEED EXPORTED TO EUROPE

We would like to bring the following to your attention regarding OECD Certified exported to countries of the European Union and the United Kingdom and specifically regarding the statement 'COMPLIES WITH EU NORMS & STANDARDS' or similar printed on OECD labels:

1. This statement only needs to be indicated on labels of seed lots being exported to the member countries of the European Union and the United Kingdom, for seed exported to any other country this statement is not necessary.
2. The correct wording for this statement is: **'EC Rules and Standards'**
3. In order for this statement to be printed on the labels, the following requirements **MUST** be complied with:
 - a. South Africa must have been granted equivalence by the European Commission for the specific crop. At the moment, South Africa has EC equivalence for the crops covered by the following EC directives:
 - i. 66/401/EEC (see attached document 'COUNCIL DIRECTIVE 66-401-EEC Fodder Plant Seed Consolidated 2022-02-01')
 - ii. 66/402/EEC – Maize and Sorghum only (see attached document 'COUNCIL DIRECTIVE 66402EEC Cereals Consolidated 2022-02-01')
 - iii. 2002/57/EC (see attached document 'COUNCIL DIRECTIVE 2002-57-EC Oil & Fibre Seed Consolidated 2020-02-16')
 - b. The seed lot must meet the EC Standards for germination and analytical purity for the specific species as stipulated in the relevant Directive covering that species.
 - c. The following requirements as stipulated in the attached document 'EC Directive 2003-17-EC-Consolidated version 2021' must be met:
 - i. The seed lot **MUST** have been sampled and tested for an Orange International Certificates (OIC), and an OIC must have been issued by an Accredited ISTA Laboratory – Company lab reports are not acceptable.
 - ii. The following statement **MUST** be indicated on the label: 'Sampled and analysed according to ISTA rules for orange international certificates by [name or initials of the ISTA seed testing laboratory]'
 - iii. The date of sealing, as follows: 'Date sealed: (MM/YYYY)'

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NB: If a seed lot does not comply with all of the above, the statement MAY NOT be indicated on the labels and will the issuing of an OECD Certificate be refused until the seed lot concerned has been relabeled, with immediate effect.

You are further reminded that no Certificate will be issued if the 'Application for the issuing of a Certificate' is not accompanied by a clear picture/scan of the label attached to the seed lot, specifically of the side of the label on which the seed lot information is printed – this requirement has previously been communicated in a circular sent out 16 November 2021 under the subject NEW CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS: LABELLING – NOVEMBER 2021.

We remain available for any queries in this regard.

Best wishes,



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