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REGISTRATION OF SEED RELATED INSTITUTIONS AND PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION LEGISLATION

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INTRODUCTION

- In most countries to produce, process and market seed under any seed law one must be registered as:
  - Seed Merchant
  - Seed Grower
  - Seed Processor
  - Seed marketer
- In Kenya All Seed merchants are registered by Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate Services
- Or there is a country in here which doesn’t have this requirement?
- The international exchange of germplasm and trade/movement of plants and plant products is a must to facilitate adequate food production in the world.
- Plant variety protection legislations using various protocols, seed laws and regulations are in place
Variety development institutions include public and registered Seed Companies.

Seed Production institutions in majority of the countries are those registered as Seed Merchants.

Certification Institutions are those gazetted in Law as service providers.

Seed Marketing/distributors are registered by regulator.
Phytosanitary services that provide protection services including plant health clinic, quarantine, grading and inspection of products are included in various laws.

This service is to ensure for governments, business sector, scientists and farmers that no injurious foreign pest, diseases and noxious weed is introduced.

Regulator derive their authority from international protocols or standards which are domesticated.

In Kenya, Plant Breeders’ rights in seed law is domesticated from UPOV.

Seed Testing domesticated from ISTA (International Seed Testing Association) protocols founded in 1924.
Phytosanitary/Plant protection services laws are domesticated from international plant protection convention (IPPC) and World Trade Organization (WTO) agreement on sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) regulations and guidelines.

This ensures that agricultural products approved by regulator are acceptable to across the countries who are members: eg ISTA certificate.

States have Plant Protection Acts that regulate importation of plants, plant products and regulated articles.

The regulator issues import permits to allow entry of items in accordance with specific Phytosanitary requirements.

National plant protection institute issues import permit while the Phytosanitary certificate is issues by exporting country.

Do you have a National plant protection organization in your country?

Which are seed marketing institutions in your country?