

Seeds Act

Foundation of seed regulatory framework in Canada, 10 pages

Last updated: 2015

Process to change: policy proposal followed by Cabinet consideration, Parliament and Senate readings, Royal Assent by Governor General; typically takes 3-5 years



Seeds Regulations

The next level of detail, includes 5 major sections, 140 pages

Key aspects include: seed standards, variety registration, variety naming, crop kinds subject to variety registration, registration of establishments, plants with novel traits, seed grade tables and unique regulations for seed potatoes

Last updated: 2015

Process to change: policy development, consultations, regulatory impact analysis, *Canada Gazette, Part I* publication, review and revise, approval for *Canada Gazette, Part II*, Royal Assent by Governor General; typically takes 18 months to 3 years



Weed Seeds Order

Sets out the list of weeds in classes (such as Prohibited Noxious Weed Seeds)

11 pages

Last Updated: 2016

Process to change: similar to *Seeds Regulations*

Policies and standards (outside of regulations)

Various standards, policies, rules and other requirements that are not in the Regulations, for example:

- Circular 6 policies establish seed crop standards, set by Canadian Seed Growers' Association.
- Procedures for registration of crop varieties
- Quality systems procedures
- Quality managements systems for registered seed establishments
- Plant protection policy directives
- Seed potato inspection procedures
- Seed Potato Tuber Quality Management Program

Process to change: technical review or consultation with government and industry subject matter experts. Policies and standards outside of the regulations are approved within the CFIA's governance system (with the exception of Circular 6).