

**Ministry of Agro-Industry, Food Security, Blue Economy and Fisheries
(Agro-Industry and Food Security Division)**

PRESS COMMUNIQUE

Proclamation of Seeds Act and Its Regulations (2022)

The Seed Act which regulates the import, export and trade of seeds has come into force as from 02 September 2024. It, *inter alia*, provides for all seed dealers/producers/importers and exporters to be mandatorily registered with the National Plant Varieties and Seeds Office (NPVSO), operating under aegis of the Ministry of Agro-Industry and Food Security.

In this respect, the NPVSO will as from 13 January 2025.

- (a) register seed dealers, seed producers, and seed varieties, and
- (b) consider applications for:
 - (i) certification of a seed crop;
 - (ii) seed sampling and testing of a seed lot; and
 - (iii) import/export permit of seeds.

Necessary registration/application forms may be collected from the office of the NPVSO/Agronomy Division, Reduit or may be downloaded from the website of the Ministry at <https://agriculture.govmu.org>.

Dully filled in forms should be sent to NPVSO, c/o Barkly Experimental Station, Sir Francis Herchenroder Street, Beau Bassin or Agronomy Division, Agricultural Services, Reduit.

For any additional information /clarifications the NPVSO or the Agronomy Division may be contacted on telephone number 455-1863 and 466-1867 from 9.00 hrs to 16.00 hrs on week days only.

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