

2. DEFINITIONS AND ACRONYMS

Accreditation

Protocol which recognises the competence of persons to whom certain official activities may be delegated.

Accredited inspector

An individual officially accredited for the purpose of inspecting specified crop types for OECD certification.

Accredited seed processor

The individual or seed processing operation recognised by Seed Services to process and sample seed for the SA Seed Certification Scheme

Applicant

Seed Grower or Seed Company representative with responsibility to apply for seed certification services.

Authorised sampler

Person authorised by the seed processor to sample seed for certification.

Authorised Certified (AC) seed

Certified seed, usually of C1 class, which in the absence of basic seed the Certification Authority authorises as a suitable sowing seed line on the basis of genetic purity. Also refer to Limited Generation Seed Scheme.

Basic seed

Derived from areas sown with Pre-Basic seed and produced under the co-responsibility of the breeder and the certification authority.

Breeders seed

The nucleus material grown by the plant breeder.

Certified First Generation seed (C1)

Derived from areas sown with Basic seed.

Certified Second Generation seed (C2)

Derived from areas sown with Basic seed or Certified 1st generation seed authorised for re-sowing.

Designated Authority

Authority designated by, and responsible to, the government of a participating country for the purpose of implementing the rules of the OECD Seed Schemes on its behalf.

EU

European Union

ISTA

International Seed Testing Association

Limited Generation Seed Scheme

Seed Scheme applying to the production of indistinguishable cultivars of *subterranean clover*, *annual medics* and other annual *Trifolium (clover) species* where cultivar purity is assured by limiting the number of generations produced from Basic seed or Authorised Certified (AC) sowing seed.

Maintainer

Person or organisation responsible for the breeding and maintenance of a cultivar.

Non-Pedigree crops

Cultivars which are visually identifiable from other cultivars of the same species due to unique and/or highly distinguishable markings or characteristics.

OECD

Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

Off-types

Plants within a cultivar which display a minor variation in one or more characteristics from that documented in the registered description of the cultivar eg minor differences in plant height, flowering time or leaf, flower or stem markings.

Pedigree crops

Cultivars which are visually indistinguishable from other cultivars of the same species.

Pre-Basic seed

Seed grown from areas sown with breeders seed and produced under the supervision of the breeder and/or the certification authority.

Seedgrower's Declaration

Official document produced for all crops that pass field inspection standards and which is used to notify the Seed Processor that the seed being delivered is of the one cultivar and certification class.

Seed line

A homogeneous (uniform) quantity of processed seed identified by a unique reference number and not exceeding the maximum lot size as specified by ISTA.

Seed lot

(with reference to S.A. certified seed)

Total lot of unprocessed seed (or processed seed stored in bulk prior to final bagging) from registered paddock(s) as specified on the Seedgrower's Declaration.

Seed Services

A business unit of Primary Industries & Resources SA with responsibility to conduct a Seed Certification Scheme, Seed Testing Laboratory and seeds regulatory function.

Seed Certification Officer

Person employed and trained by Primary Industries & Resources SA to conduct various operational aspects of the S.A. Seed Certification Scheme; including field inspections, seed sampling and advisory and audit functions.

SPM

Seed Processors' Manual or "Procedure Manual for Processors of Certified Seed". A controlled document which details the procedures by which accredited seed processors are to handle, process and store certified seed.