

Laboratory Accreditation Practices



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Laboratory accreditation conducted by BPI presently relies on the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between private seed companies and research institutions. Thus, authorization is given by BPI to private companies to conduct laboratory tests relative to seed health and quality.

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Public-Private Partnership

The BPI has an existing **MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT** with private institutions and seed companies

- These institutions/companies have achieved an ISO/ISTA certification/accreditation to consistently provide high-quality products and services to the farmers/stakeholders.
- Parties agree on the collaborative activities including seed health testing
- Obligations of both parties are clearly stated

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Conditions embodied in the MOA

- The company shall ensure that proper documentation (such as Sanitary and Phytosanitary Import Clearance (SPSIC), Phytosanitary Certificate, permits and other phytosanitary requirements) are complied with
- Results of seed health testing are presented to, and evaluated by the BPI-NPQS officer for treatment recommendation and/or compliance with the conditions of the importing country or the Philippines' post entry requirements
- Companies are required to provide a space within the Seed health Unit where assigned Officers can hold office, for monitoring purposes

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Why authorize?

- To ensure availability of quality seeds
- To facilitate safe movement of seeds through acceptance of laboratory results/data from authorized laboratories
- Optimize the use of existing resources of both parties , expand knowledge and institutional capacity, contributing to further development of plant industry

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Process

- **An on-site audit is done prior to authorization to check whether the laboratory has the capability to perform seed health tests as phytosanitary requirements for both incoming and outgoing materials**
- **The laboratory should have:**
 - **Technically competent staff**
 - **Facilities and equipment needed**
 - **A quality management system**
 - **Participation in proficiency testing**

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Monitoring

- Regular inspection of the laboratory facilities and monitoring of on-going activities in the laboratory
- Validation of seed health test protocols
- Submission to BPI of monthly report of in-house seed health tests and phytosanitary plant inspection

In all cases, the conduct of important quarantine services for incoming and outgoing seeds are under BPI's supervision

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