

Seeds (Certification Scheme) (Amendment) Notice, 2025 (No. 5)

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IT is hereby notified that the Minister of Lands, Agriculture, Fisheries, Water and Rural Development has, in terms of section 28j of the Seed Act [*Chapter 19:13*], made the following regulations: —

1. This notice may be cited as the Seeds (Certification Scheme) (Amendment) Notice, 2025 (No. 5).

2. Third Schedule of the Seeds (Certification Scheme) Notice, 2000, published in Statutory Instrument 213 of 2000, is amended by the insertion of a new paragraph after paragraph 10 as follows —

“11. (1) All certified maize seed shall be treated with a recommended and effective seed dressing chemical for the control of fall armyworm as provided in subparagraph (1).

(2) The seed dressing chemical in subparagraph (1) must contain a combination of a diamide and a neonicotinoid in flowable solution or equivalent chemical with proven efficacy.

(3) The seed dressing chemical in subparagraphs (1) and (2) must be registered with the Ministry of Lands, Agriculture, Fisheries, Water and Rural Development and approved for use in the control of fall armyworm in Zimbabwe.

(4) Any seed lots failing to comply with these regulations may not be authorised for sale or distribution as certified maize seed.”.