

Provisions under Policy:

New Policy on Seed Development 1988, permits the import of selected seeds under Open General Licence (OGL), to make available farmers high quality seeds to maximize yield, increase productivity and farm income.

Import permitted under OGL

1 Items allowed for import under OGL are: seeds of vegetables, flowers, ornamental plants, tubers, bulbs, cuttings and saplings of flowers through identified categories of importers like the Departments of Agriculture/Horticulture in the States, State Agricultural Universities, seed producing companies, seed corporations, food processing industrial units and growers of vegetables and flowers. The import of seeds/planting materials of fruits would be allowed on the basis of recommendations of the Directors of Horticulture/Agriculture in the States.

2 The Policy also permits import of seeds of oilseeds, pulses and coarse grains. In this case, however, the importer is permitted to get only up to five Kgs each of the seeds to be submitted to ICAR for multi-location trials in various agro-climatic zones for one season. After three months following harvest and at the end of evaluation regarding yield, resistance to pests and diseases etc., the importer shall apply to the Director of Agriculture & Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India which will process it within 30 days. Thereafter the Controller of Imports and Exports will issue a licence within 15 days for import.

Eligible categories

- Departments of Agriculture/Horticulture of the State Governments, State Agriculture Universities and ICAR;
- Seed producing Indian Companies & firms, **after registration with the National Seeds Corporation (NSC)**;
- National Seeds Corporation, State Seeds Corporations;
- Food processing industrial units;
- Growers of Vegetables and flowers registered with the Director of Agriculture/Horticulture of the State Government

Registration with NSC

Division Responsible	Marketing
Time Taken	21 days (subject to compliance to the norms)

Process, Procedure, rules and Regulations

Application Form	I	For fresh registration
	II	For renewal