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Chapter 1.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1. General Definitions Used in This Federal Law

The following general definitions are used for the purposes of this Federal Law:

1) author of an agricultural plant variety is a citizen, who has created, bred or discovered a breeding achievement;

2) testing of crops (plantings) — inspection of crops (plantings) of agricultural plant varieties by representative sampling from crops (plantings) of agricultural plants or their individual examination to determine varietal or species purity, plant variety typicality, contamination of crops (plantings) by quarantine objects, the degree of damage caused by harmful organisms to agricultural plants;

3) bank of standard samples of seeds of agricultural plants — genetic collection of varieties and hybrids of agricultural plants included in the State Register of Varieties and Hybrids of Agricultural Plants Approved for Use;

4) purity of species of agricultural plants — the ratio of the number of approved agricultural plants of a certain species and other agricultural plants with typical features of a species to the total number of approved plants;

5) genetic passport — a document made on the basis of molecular genetic analysis of seeds of a variety or hybrid of an agricultural plant;

6) agricultural plant hybrid — a type of agricultural plant created from the crossing of genetically different forms of agricultural plants;

7) agricultural plant standard hybrid — a hybrid of an agricultural plant, determined as a reference standard by indicators of economic traits and/or properties in specific regions of tolerance (light zones);

8) DNA of an agricultural plant variety or hybrid is a deoxyribonucleic acid that determines the gene sequence of an agricultural plant variety or hybrid;

9) qualitative characteristics of agricultural plants - a set of specific properties and traits of agricultural plants, allowing to evaluate tested varieties or hybrids;

10) molecular genetic analysis of seeds of agricultural plants — analysis of a DNA sample of a variety or hybrid of an agricultural plant;

11) determination of indicators of sowing (planting) qualities of seeds of agricultural plants — measures to identify the features that characterize the suitability of seeds of agricultural plants for seed production or reproduction of agricultural plants;

12) determination of indicators of varietal qualities of seeds of agricultural plants — measures to determine whether the crops (plantings) of agricultural plants or seeds of agricultural plants belong to a particular variety and to determine their varietal purity, varietal typicality or hybridity;

13) originator of a variety or hybrid — a natural person, including an individual entrepreneur, or a legal entity who has created, bred, identified a variety or hybrid of an agricultural plant and/or ensures its preservation;

13.1) domestic selection of a variety or hybrid of an agricultural plant (hereinafter referred to as domestic selection) - selection carried out entirely on the territory of the Russian Federation by a Russian individual, including an individual entrepreneur, or a Russian legal entity, while the reproduction of a variety or hybrid of an agricultural plant does not require the import of genetic material of agricultural plants into the territory of the Russian Federation;

14) indicators of sowing (planting) qualities of seeds of agricultural plants — a set of manifested prominent features characterizing the suitability of seeds of agricultural plants for sowing (planting);

15) planting material — fruits, compound fruits, parts of compound fruits of agricultural plants that are not seed material, agricultural plants or their parts used for vegetative propagation;

16) production (cultivation) of seeds of agricultural plants — activities related to agricultural production in order to obtain seeds of agricultural plants carried out taking into account the requirements of spatial isolation, including preparation for sowing (planting), sowing (planting), care of agricultural plants, harvesting of seeds of agricultural plants, processing of seeds of agricultural plants, cultivation of seedlings, seedlings and digging up of agricultural plants;

16.1) spatial isolation - measures aimed at preventing intraspecific cross-pollination of agricultural plants, including establishing a distance between crops (plantings) of different varieties or hybrids of cross-pollinated agricultural plants and the use of isolating devices for the production of seeds of agricultural plants and agricultural products;

17) agricultural plants — plants and their parts, including seeds related to agricultural crops, except for ornamental and flowering crops;

18) seeds of agricultural plants — parts of plants, seeds themselves, planting material used for the reproduction of varieties of agricultural plants;

19) seed production — a set of activities related to the production (cultivation), storage, transportation, sale of seeds of agricultural plants, including the provision of services in this area, determined on the basis of the All-Russian Classifier of Activities;

19.1) selection of a variety or hybrid of an agricultural plant (hereinafter referred to as selection) - an activity aimed at creating (obtaining) a variety or hybrid of an agricultural plant;

20) agricultural plant variety (variety) — a group of agricultural plants, which is defined by the degree of manifestation of features characterizing the given genotype or combination of genotypes, differs from other groups of agricultural plants of the same botanical taxon by one or more features or the degree of manifestation of features and is stable;

21) varietal purity of agricultural plants — the ratio of the number of agricultural plants of a given variety to the number of all plants of a given crop. Varietal purity is verified for compliance with the specific morphological characters of the variety by means of approbation of crops (plantings);

22) varietal qualities of seeds of agricultural plants — typical prominent features (their totality) characterizing the belonging of seeds to a particular variety or hybrid of an agricultural plant;

23) varietal typicality of an agricultural plant is an indicator of varietal purity of a cross-pollinating agricultural plant;

24) agricultural plant standard variety — a variety of an agricultural plant, defined as a reference by indicators of economic traits and/or properties in specific regions of tolerance (light zones);

24.1) special seed-growing zone - a territory characterized by favorable phytosanitary and technological conditions for the production of seeds of agricultural plants;

25) economic traits and/or properties of a variety or hybrid agricultural plant — yield, quality characteristics, resistance to penetration and/or spread of pests and adverse environmental factors, including natural hazards and natural disasters, manifested in certain soil and climatic conditions in comparison with a variety-standard agricultural plant or a hybrid-standard agricultural plant.

Article 2. Laws in the field of seed production

The laws and statutory acts in the field of seed production of agricultural plants comprise this Federal Law, other federal laws and other regulations of the Russian Federation adopted in accordance with them, as well as laws and other regulations of the constituent entities of the Russian Federation.

Article 3. Relations regulated by this Federal Law

1. This Federal Law regulates relations in the field of seed production (production (cultivation), storage, transportation, sale of seeds of agricultural plants), including the provision of services in this field, as well as imports of seeds of agricultural plants into the Russian Federation and exports of seeds from the Russian Federation.

2. The provisions of this Federal Law shall not apply to relations connected with the use of seeds of agricultural plants by individuals for their own needs (personal, family, household or other needs not connected with entrepreneurial activities).

Article 4. Powers of the Government of the Russian Federation and the federal executive authority in the field of seed production of agricultural plants

1. The powers of the Government of the Russian Federation in the field of seed production of agricultural plants include:

1) development and implementation of unified state policy in the field of seed production in the Russian Federation;

2) definition of the function of the federal executive authority for the implementation of federal state control (supervision) in the field of seed production in respect of seeds of agricultural plants;

3) approval of the procedure for the formation and maintenance of the State Register of Varieties and Hybrids of Agricultural Plants Approved for Use, as well as the provision of information from it;

4) approval of the list of genera and species of agricultural plants whose varieties and hybrids are subject to inclusion in the State Register of Varieties and Hybrids of Agricultural Plants Approved for Use;

5) other powers in the field of seed production of agricultural plants in accordance with this Federal Law.

2. The powers of the federal executive authority exercising the functions of the development of the state policy and legal regulation in the field of seed production of agricultural plants include:

1) creation, development, operation of the federal state information system in the field of agricultural plant seed production (hereinafter also referred to as the information system);

2) implementation of measures to create a bank of standard samples of seeds of varieties and hybrids of agricultural plants;

3) formation and maintenance of the State Register of Varieties and Hybrids of Agricultural Plants Approved for Use, as well as the provision of information from it;

4) approval of mandatory requirements for indicators of varietal and sowing (planting) qualities of seeds of agricultural plants;

5) other powers in the field of seed production of agricultural plants in accordance with this Federal Law.

3. The powers of the federal executive authority exercising functions of federal state control (supervision) in the field of seed production in respect of seeds of agricultural plants shall include;

1) implementation of the federal state control (supervision) in the field of seed production with regard to seeds of agricultural plants;

2) analysis of risks in the field of agricultural plant seed production associated with the circulation of seeds of agricultural plants;

3) audit of foreign laboratories for testing agricultural plant seeds intended to be imported into the Russian Federation from foreign countries or groups of foreign countries for the purpose of their use for sowing (planting);

4) development of criteria and conditions necessary for laboratory research in the field of seed production;

5) other powers in the field of seed production in accordance with this Federal Law.

Article 5. Scientific support for seed production

1. Scientific support of seed production shall be carried out by scientific organizations, as well as educational organizations of higher education, which carry out scientific research in the field of seed production and selection of agricultural plants.

2. Funding for scientific research in the field of seed production and selection shall be provided from the federal budget, the budgets of constituent entities of the Russian Federation, the funds of local budgets, the funds of organizations, as well as from other sources of funding.

3. Coordination of scientific research in the field of seed production and selection shall be assigned to the federal executive authority exercising the functions of development and implementation of the state policy and regulations in the field of science and higher education, as well as scientific, scientific-technical and scientific-educational societies and public academies of sciences.

4. The constituent documents of scientific organizations and educational organizations of higher education conducting scientific research in the field of seed production and selection shall specify the scientific research in the field of seed production as one of the activities carried out by them.

Chapter 2.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR PRODUCTION (GROWING), TRANSPORTATION AND SALE OF AGRICULTURAL PLANTS SEEDS

Article 6. Categories of agricultural plant seeds

Depending on the stage of reproduction of a variety or hybrid of an agricultural plant, the following categories of agricultural plant seeds are defined:

- 1) original;
- 2) elite (elite seeds);
- 3) reproduction seeds.

Article 7. Original agricultural plant seeds

1. Original seeds are the seeds of agricultural plants produced by the originator of a variety or hybrid or by a person authorized by them. The original seeds of agricultural plants are designed to produce elite seeds.

2. The regulation on registration of an originator of a variety or hybrid of an agricultural plant shall be approved by the federal executive authority responsible for the development of the state policy and regulations in the field of seed production of agricultural plants, when making changes to the registration data and excluding registration data from the State Register of varieties and hybrids of agricultural plants approved for use.

3. Original seeds have subcategories, the list of which is approved by the federal executive body that exercises functions on developing state policy and legal regulation in the field of seed production of agricultural plants.

Article 8. Elite seeds of agricultural plants

1. Elite seeds of agricultural plants are the seeds obtained from agricultural plants grown from the original seeds of agricultural plants.

2. Elite seeds of agricultural plants are used to produce reproduction seeds of agricultural plants.

3. Seeds of parental forms of hybrids of agricultural plants (components of paternal and maternal form of a hybrid plant) belong to the category of elite seeds (elite seeds) of agricultural plants.

Article 9. Reproduction seeds of agricultural plants and peculiarities of their production

1. Reproduction seeds of agricultural plants are the seeds obtained from agricultural plants grown from elite seeds of agricultural plants and subsequent after elite seeds generations of agricultural plants.

2. First-generation hybrid seeds of agricultural plants are reproduction seeds of agricultural plants.

3. Reproduction seeds of agricultural plants may be produced for own needs by any physical persons.

Article 10. Categories of planting material of fruit, berry plants and grapes

1. The following categories of planting material of fruit, berry plants and grapes are established depending on the methods of obtaining planting material:

1) initial planting material (initial plants) — planting material separated by pomological, physiological qualities and productivity, tested for the presence of pests and in the event of their presence brought into conformity with the requirements to the indicators of variety and sowing (planting) qualities of seeds of agricultural plants established by the federal executive authority responsible for the development of the state policy and regulations in the field of seed production of agricultural plants;

2) basic planting material (basic plants) — planting material obtained from the original agricultural plants by vegetative propagation methods, annually checked for compliance with the requirements for the indicators of varietal and sowing (planting) qualities of seeds of agricultural plants established by the federal executive authority responsible for the development of the state policy and regulations in the field of seed production of agricultural plants, and tested for the presence of harmful organisms and, if present, brought into compliance with the requirements for the indicators of varietal and sowing (planting) qualities of seeds of agricultural plants;

3) verified planting material — planting material derived from the basic agricultural plants, confirmed by documents containing indicators of varietal and sowing (planting) qualities of seeds of agricultural plants;

4) untested planting material - planting material that has not been tested and brought into compliance with the requirements to the indicators of variety and sowing (planting) qualities of seeds of agricultural plants established by the federal executive authority responsible for the development of the state policy and regulations in the field of seed production of agricultural plants.

2. Source planting material is intended for obtaining vegetative organs of agricultural plants, from which the planting material for laying mother plantations in nurseries producing basic planting material is produced.

3. Basic planting material is intended for obtaining vegetative organs of agricultural plants, from which planting material is produced for laying mother plantings in nurseries

carrying out production of verified planting material, as well as production of planting material itself.

4. The verified planting material is intended for production of reproductive planting material (not higher than the third reproduction) of agricultural plants and for establishment of nursery plantations in nurseries producing verified planting material.

Article 11. Seed production scheme for an agricultural plant variety or hybrid

1. Seed production scheme of a variety or hybrid of an agricultural plant includes a set of measures for the conservation of varieties and hybrids of agricultural plants using scientifically sound methods.

2. Preservation of a variety or hybrid of an agricultural plant shall be carried out by the originator of a variety or hybrid by approving a scheme of seed production of a variety or hybrid of an agricultural plant developed in accordance with the methodological recommendations approved by the federal executive authority responsible for the development of the state policy and regulations in the field of seed production of agricultural plants, and compliance with the said scheme.

Article 12. Production of seeds of agricultural plants

1. Seeds of agricultural plants whose varietal and sowing (planting) qualities comply with the requirements established in accordance with Part 2 of Article 13 of this Federal Law are used for the production of seeds of agricultural plants.

2. It is prohibited to use seeds infected and/or contaminated by quarantine objects in the production of seeds of agricultural plants.

3. It is prohibited to use seeds of agricultural plants containing genetically engineered organisms in the production of seeds of agricultural plants, except for sowing (planting) of such seeds for expert examinations and scientific research.

4. Rules for localization of agricultural plant seed production in the Russian Federation shall be established by the Government of the Russian Federation.

5. It is prohibited to use the seeds of agricultural plants whose genera and species are on the list specified in Part 2 of Article 19 of this Federal Law, and whose variety and sowing (planting) quality indicators do not meet the requirements established in accordance with Part 2 of Article 13 of this Federal Law.

6. The executive bodies of a constituent entity of the Russian Federation may permit the use of seeds of agricultural plants whose varietal and sowing (planting) qualities do not meet the mandatory requirements in the field of seed production of agricultural plants established in accordance with Part 2 of Article 13 of this Federal Law, in cases of natural disasters or other emergency situations determined by the legislation of the Russian Federation in the field of protecting the population and territories from emergency situations.

7. Spatial isolation for agricultural production, with the exception of that established by the law of the Eurasian Economic Union, is approved by the federal executive body that exercises functions on developing state policy and legal regulation in the field of seed production of agricultural plants.

8. For the production of seeds of agricultural plants, special seed production zones may be established in the manner determined by the law of the subject of the Russian Federation.

With respect to land plots owned by individuals, including individual entrepreneurs, or legal entities, or provided to them for use, special seed production zones are established on the basis of applications from the said individuals.

Article 13. Determination of the indicators of varietal and sowing (planting) qualities of seeds of agricultural plants

1. In seeds of agricultural plants intended for the production of seeds and reproduction of agricultural plants, indicators of varietal and sowing (planting) qualities are determined.

2. Requirements for the indicators of varietal and sowing (planting) qualities of seeds of agricultural plants and the forms of documents containing information on the said indicators shall be established by the federal executive body exercising functions on the development of state policy and normative-legal regulation in the field of seed production of agricultural plants.

3. Determination of the indicators of varietal and sowing (planting) qualities of seeds of agricultural plants is carried out by a federal state budgetary institution subordinate to the federal executive body exercising functions on the development of state policy and normative-legal regulation in the field of seed production of agricultural plants, accredited in accordance with the legislation of the Russian Federation on accreditation in the national accreditation system as a testing laboratory and (or) inspection body in the established field of activity, at the expense of federal budget funds allocated to federal executive bodies for the provision of public services, or at the expense of the applicant. Legal entities and individual entrepreneurs accredited in accordance with the legislation of the Russian Federation on accreditation in the national accreditation system as a testing laboratory (hereinafter referred to as an accredited testing laboratory) and (or) an inspection body in the established field of activity (hereinafter referred to as an accredited inspection body) shall determine the indicators of varietal and sowing (planting) qualities of seeds of agricultural plants at the expense of the applicant.

4. The federal state budgetary institution specified in part 3 of this article shall be vested with the authority to determine the indicators of varietal and sowing (planting) qualities of seeds of agricultural plants by the federal executive body that exercises functions on the development of state policy and normative-legal regulation in the field of seed production of agricultural plants.

Article 14. Determination of varietal quality indicators of agricultural plant seeds

1. The determination of indicators of varietal qualities of seeds of agricultural plants is conducted by the federal budgetary institution specified in Part 3 of Article 13, or accredited inspection bodies subordinate to the federal executive authority responsible for the development of the state policy and regulations in the field of seed production of agricultural plants, or by accredited inspection bodies by testing crops (plantings) and/or

other methods established by law of the Eurasian Economic Union, in accordance with the methodology approved by the federal executive authority responsible for the development of the state policy and regulations in the field of seed production of agricultural plants.

2. Approbation survey of sowing (planting) of agricultural plants shall be carried out in respect of sowing (planting) of agricultural plants for use for seed purposes, the seeds of which are intended for sale or seed production. When agricultural plant seeds are produced by consecutive multiplication in accordance with the scheme of production of agricultural plant seeds stipulated by Article 11 of this Federal Law, an act of approbation of sowing (planting) shall be drawn up and issued.

3. When the sowed (planted) crops are not suitable for use for seed purposes, a certificate of rejection shall be executed and issued. According to the results of inspection of sowing (planting) of parental forms of hybrids of agricultural plants in the production of seeds of hybrids of the first generation (hybridization sites) of agricultural plants an act of inspection of hybridization sites or an act of rejection (if the sowing (planting) is not suitable for use for seed purposes) shall be drawn up.

Article 15. Determination of sowing (planting) quality indicators of agricultural plant seeds

1. Determination of indices of sowing (planting) qualities of seeds of agricultural plants is carried out by sampling and analysis of seeds of agricultural plants by the persons specified in Part 3 of Article 13 of this Federal Law, according to the list of uniform methods of determination of indices of sowing (planting) qualities of seeds of agricultural plants used by the member states of the Eurasian Economic Union in the circulation of seeds of agricultural plants within the Eurasian Economic Union and in relation to seeds, uniform methods for determining the sowing (planting) qualities of which are not defined by the law of the Eurasian Economic Union, in the manner established by the federal executive body exercising functions for the development of state policy and normative-legal regulation in the field of seed production of agricultural plants.

2. Selection and analysis of samples of seeds of agricultural plants intended for export from the Russian Federation shall be carried out in accordance with the norms of international law.

3. Based on the results of analysis of seed samples of agricultural plants to determine the indicators of sowing (planting) qualities of agricultural plant seeds, a protocol of testing samples of agricultural plant seeds or an inspection protocol shall be drawn up in accordance with the forms established by the federal executive authority responsible for the development of the state policy and regulations in the field of agricultural plant seeds in coordination with the national accreditation body.

Article 16. Turnover capacity of agricultural plant seeds

1. Seeds of agricultural plants whose genera and species are included in the list specified in Part 2 of Article 19 of this Federal Law, intended for seed production, reproduction of agricultural plants, sale, shall be allowed for circulation in the Russian Federation only if the documents on the indicators of variety and sowing (planting) qualities of seeds of agricultural plants are available. If for the such seeds of agricultural plants

intended for seed production, reproduction of agricultural plants, sale of seeds of agricultural plants the documents on indicators of varietal and sowing (planting) qualities of seeds of agricultural plants are not issued, individuals, including individual entrepreneurs, and legal entities may use such seeds of agricultural plants for food, and/or forage, and/or technical purposes.

2. It is prohibited to sell in the Russian Federation the seeds of agricultural plants, whose genera and species are contained in the list specified in Part 2 of Article 19 of this Federal Law if such varieties and hybrids of agricultural plants are not included in the State Register of Varieties and Hybrids of Agricultural Plants Approved for Use.

3. After exclusion of information on a variety or hybrid of an agricultural plant from the State Register of Varieties and Hybrids of Agricultural Plants Approved for Use, seeds of such plant may be used within the next two years. These seeds of agricultural plants belong to the category of reproduction seeds.

4. Where the seeds of agricultural plants whose genera and species are contained in the list specified in Part 2 of Article 19 of this Federal Law and intended for seed production, reproduction of agricultural plants, sale of seeds of agricultural plants are not documented as to the indicators of varietal and sowing (planting) qualities of seeds of agricultural plants, such seeds shall be permitted for use only for expert and research work.

Article 17. Requirements for sale and transportation of seeds of agricultural plants

1. Seeds of agricultural plants during their sale and transportation may be in packed or unpackaged condition (bulk), except for elite seeds of agricultural plants, which during their sale and transportation may be only in packaged condition.

2. When selling and transporting seeds of agricultural plants in a packed state, the containers (packaging) must have tags (labels) in accordance with the forms established by the federal executive authority responsible for the development of the state policy and legal regulations in the field of seed production of agricultural plants. When agricultural plant seeds are packaged in small containers (packaging) intended for wholesale and retail trade, appropriate information about these seeds of agricultural plants shall be printed on such containers (packaging).

3. When selling and transporting seeds of agricultural plants in an unpackaged condition (in bulk), accompanying documents containing information on the names of plant varieties and hybrids, origin and quality of seeds shall be drawn up for such seeds of agricultural plants.

4. Seeds of agricultural plants treated with chemical or biological preparations must be in a bagged state. Containers (packaging), tags (labels) of such seeds of agricultural plants must have appropriate inscriptions and accompanying documents defining the procedure for handling such seeds and containing information on possible adverse effects on human health and the environment.

5. When selling and transporting seeds of agricultural plants it is prohibited to indicate on their containers (packaging), tags (labels) and in the accompanying documents the information on the names of varieties and hybrids of plants, origin and quality of seeds that does not correspond to reality.

6. The procedure for sale and transportation of seeds of agricultural plants shall be established by the federal executive authority responsible for the development of the state policy and regulations in the field of agricultural plant seed production.

7. Persons selling seeds of agricultural plants shall be obliged to enter information about seeds of agricultural plants sold into the information system in accordance with Article 21 of this Federal Law.

Chapter 3.

INFORMATION, INFORMATION RESOURCES AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS IN THE FIELD OF SEED PRODUCTION OF AGRICULTURAL PLANTS

Article 18. Access to Information in the Field of Agricultural Plant Seed Production

1. The federal executive authority responsible for the implementation of the federal state control (supervision) in the field of seed of agricultural plants shall provide open access to information in the field of seed of agricultural plants by posting the following information on its official websites in the information and telecommunications network "Internet":

1) on the state of seed production state in the Russian Federation in the part not attributed in the manner prescribed by the legislation of the Russian Federation to information constituting a state or other secret protected by law — annually;

2) on decisions to impose temporary restrictions on imports of seeds of agricultural plants into the Russian Federation and/or on the establishment of additional (special) requirements for the indicators of varietal and sowing (planting) qualities of seeds of agricultural plants to be imported into the Russian Federation. This information is published within one day from the date of introduction of such restrictions and the establishment of such requirements.

(2) The information specified in Part 1 of this Article shall be kept up-to-date by the federal executive authority responsible for exercising federal state control (supervision) in the field of seed production with regard to seeds of agricultural plants. Access to the information specified in Part 1 of this article is provided free of charge.

Article 19. State Register of Varieties And Hybrids of Agricultural Plants Approved for Use

1. The State Register of Varieties and Hybrids of Agricultural Plants Approved for Use is a collection of reliable, systematized information on varieties and hybrids of agricultural plants, including the following:

- 1) genus and species of agricultural plant;
- 2) the name of the variety or hybrid of an agricultural plant (indicating the parental forms of the hybrid of the agricultural plant), including domestic selection;
- 3) the date of entering information into the specified register;
- 4) brief description of the variety or hybrid of agricultural plant, direction of use;
- 5) regions of approval of agricultural plants (for open ground varieties and hybrids);
- 6) light zones of agricultural plants (for protected ground varieties and hybrids);
- 7) the author(s) of the variety or hybrid of an agricultural plant and (or) the holder(s) of the exclusive right to the variety or hybrid of an agricultural plant, as well as the presence (absence) of a patent;

8) the originator(s) of a variety or hybrid of an agricultural plant.

2. The Government of the Russian Federation shall approve a list of genera and species of agricultural plants, the production and cultivation of which are aimed at ensuring food security of the Russian Federation, the varieties and hybrids of which are subject to inclusion in the State Register of Varieties and Hybrids of Agricultural Plants Approved for Use.

3. The state register of varieties and hybrids of agricultural plants approved for use is maintained in Russian based on the principles of reliability and public availability of the information contained therein.

4. Information contained in the State Register of Varieties and Hybrids of Agricultural Plants Approved for Use is publicly available and is posted on the Internet information and telecommunications network, including in the form of open data, by the operator of the Federal State Information System in the Field of Seed Production of Agricultural Plants, specified in Article 21 of this Federal Law .

5. The maintenance of the State Register of Varieties and Hybrids of Agricultural Plants Approved for Use, including the introduction of amendments thereto and the exclusion of information on varieties and hybrids of agricultural plants from it, shall be carried out by the federal executive body exercising functions on the development of state policy and normative-legal regulation in the field of seed production of agricultural plants, the federal state budgetary institution specified in Part 3 of Article 20 of this Federal Law , in electronic form in the Federal State Information System in the Field of Seed Production of Agricultural Plants and on the basis of the application specified in Part 7 of this Article, including with the attachment of the documents specified in Part 2 of Article 20 of this Federal Law , in the manner approved by the Government of the Russian Federation.

6. The originator, author (originators, authors) of a variety or hybrid of an agricultural plant, information about which is entered into the State Register of Varieties and Hybrids of Agricultural Plants Approved for Use, by the federal state budgetary institution specified in Part 3 of Article 20 of this Federal Law , shall be issued a certificate of originator, author of a variety or hybrid of an agricultural plant, the form of which shall be approved by the federal executive body exercising functions on the development of state policy and normative-legal regulation in the field of seed production of agricultural plants.

7. For consideration of an application for entering information on varieties and hybrids of agricultural plants into the State Register of Varieties and Hybrids of Agricultural Plants Approved for Use, and testing of varieties and hybrids of agricultural plants for economically useful characteristics and (or) properties of agricultural plants (hereinafter referred to as the application), a state fee shall be paid in the amount and manner established by the legislation of the Russian Federation on taxes and fees.

8. Varieties and hybrids of agricultural plants included in the State Register of Varieties and Hybrids of Agricultural Plants Approved for Use are assigned a unique registration number of the variety or hybrid of the agricultural plant. In the event of exclusion from the said register, the assigned number is cancelled, about which a corresponding entry is made in the Federal State Information System in the Field of Seed Production of Agricultural Plants.

Article 20. Testing and evaluation of varieties and hybrids of agricultural plants

1. For the purposes of maintaining the State Register of Varieties and Hybrids of Agricultural Plants Approved for Use, tests and evaluation of varieties and hybrids of

agricultural plants are conducted to identify economically useful traits and (or) properties of agricultural plants, including distinctness, homogeneity and stability, suitability for specific regions of approval (light zone) based on an application. Varieties and hybrids of agricultural plants that are scientific and (or) scientific and technical products obtained during the implementation by the federal executive body exercising functions on the development of state policy and legal regulation in the field of seed production of agricultural plants, of federal scientific and scientific-technical programs financed from the federal budget are subject to inclusion in the State Register of Varieties and Hybrids of Agricultural Plants Approved for Use prior to testing the varieties and hybrids of agricultural plants for economically useful traits and (or) properties of agricultural plants. The specifics of testing varieties and hybrids of agricultural plants for distinctness, homogeneity and stability for the purposes of maintaining the State Register of Varieties and Hybrids of Agricultural Plants Approved for Use, when conducting tests to identify economically useful traits and (or) properties of agricultural plants, shall be approved by the federal executive body exercising functions on developing state policy and legal regulation in the field of seed production of agricultural plants.

2. The procedure for testing varieties and hybrids of agricultural plants, including varieties and hybrids of agricultural plants that are scientific and (or) scientific and technical products, for economically useful characteristics and (or) properties of agricultural plants and the forms of documents (questionnaire for a variety or hybrid of an agricultural plant, description of a variety or hybrid of an agricultural plant, test results) attached to the application shall be established by the federal executive body exercising functions on developing state policy and normative-legal regulation in the field of seed production of agricultural plants. Testing of these varieties and hybrids of agricultural plants shall be carried out in places designated for testing varieties and hybrids of agricultural plants by the federal state budgetary institution specified in Part 3 of this Article and (or) the applicant (variety testing sites).

3. Testing for economically useful traits and (or) properties of agricultural plants, varieties and hybrids of which are included in the list specified in Part 2 of Article 19 of this Federal Law, including molecular genetic analysis, shall be carried out by an authorized federal state budgetary institution subordinate to the federal executive body exercising functions on developing state policy and legal regulation in the field of seed production of agricultural plants, at the expense of the federal budget of the Russian Federation within the framework of the state assignment, unless otherwise established by Part 4 of this Article. For the purpose of conducting such tests, the applicant shall submit a seed sample to the said institution free of charge. The said institution shall conduct a molecular genetic analysis of the submitted standard sample of agricultural plant seeds to identify genetically modified organisms in it.

4. Tests for economic traits and/or properties of agricultural plants imported to the Russian Federation from foreign states that are not members of the Eurasian Economic Union, including molecular genetic analysis, shall be carried out by the federal state budget institution specified in Part 3 of this Article, at the expense of the applicant. In order to conduct such tests, the applicant shall submit a sample of seeds to the said institution on a free of charge basis.

5. If the results of molecular genetic analysis reveal genetically engineered organisms in a standard sample of seeds of an agricultural plant, tests for economic traits and/or properties of varieties and hybrids of agricultural plants are not carried out and such sample is subject to destruction by the applicant by means that completely lose their properties, and

also exclude the possibility of their further use for sowing and/or consumption as food.

6. If, based on the results of molecular genetic analysis, it is revealed that the standard sample of seeds of an agricultural plant does not contain genetically modified organisms, the federal state budgetary institution specified in Part 3 of this article shall conduct tests for economically useful characteristics and (or) properties of the variety or hybrid of the agricultural plant.

6.1. A genetic passport for a variety or hybrid of an agricultural plant shall be issued by the federal state budgetary institution specified in Part 3 of this article if, based on the results of molecular genetic analysis, it is revealed that the standard sample of seeds of the agricultural plant does not contain genetically modified organisms.

7. A genetic passport shall be drawn up for each variety or hybrid of an agricultural plant presented for testing, genera and species of which are included in the list of genera and species of agricultural plants approved by the Government of the Russian Federation.

8. The genetic passport form approved by the federal executive authority responsible for the development of the state policy and regulations in the field of seed production of agricultural plants shall specify the name of a variety or hybrid of an agricultural plant, class, category, species, subspecies, genotype, protein and/or DNA markers identifying the variety of seeds of an agricultural plant and determined on the basis of methods approved by the federal state budgetary institution specified in Part 3 of Article 20 of this Article* , in agreement with the federal executive body exercising functions on the development of state policy and legal regulation in the field of seed production of agricultural plants.

9. The results of tests for assessing economic traits and/or properties of a variety or hybrid of an agricultural plant shall be issued by the federal state budget institution specified in Part 3 of this Article in the form and in accordance with the procedure established in Part 2 of this Article.

10. Varieties and hybrids of agricultural plants that are not included in the list specified in Part 2 of Article 19 of this Federal Law shall be included in the State Register of Varieties and Hybrids of Agricultural Plants Approved for Use on a voluntary basis upon appropriate applications. Testing of varieties and hybrids of agricultural plants for economically useful traits and (or) properties, conducting a molecular genetic analysis of the submitted standard sample of seeds of an agricultural plant before the start of testing for economically useful traits and (or) properties of a variety or hybrid of an agricultural plant for the purpose of identifying genetically modified organisms in it shall be carried out at the expense of the applicant by the federal state budgetary institution specified in Part 3 of this Article.

10.1. The registration of a genetic passport for the inclusion of varieties and hybrids of agricultural plants specified in Part 10 of this Article in the State Register of Varieties and Hybrids of Agricultural Plants Approved for Use shall be carried out at the expense of the applicant by the federal state budgetary institution specified in Part 3 of this Article.

11. The federal state budget institution specified in Part 3 of this Article shall maintain a unified database of genetic passports of standard samples of seeds of varieties and hybrids of agricultural plants and shall form a bank of standard samples of seeds of varieties and hybrids of agricultural plants in accordance with the procedure approved by the Government of the Russian Federation.

Article 21. Federal State Information System in the Field of Agricultural Plant Seed Production

1. The Federal State Information System in the Field of Agricultural Seed Production shall be created for the purposes of implementing powers in the field of agricultural seed production by the federal executive body exercising functions on developing state policy and legal regulation in the field of agricultural seed production, ensuring traceability of agricultural seed circulation, accounting for agricultural seed during its production, storage, transportation, sale, including the provision of services in the field of seed production, when carrying out transactions with agricultural seed, as well as for the purposes of analyzing and processing the data and information submitted to this system and monitoring the reliability of such data and information. The owner of the information contained in the information system is the Russian Federation. The rights of the owner of such information, as well as the owner of the rights to the results of intellectual activity included in the information system, on behalf of the Russian Federation shall be exercised by the operator of the information system.

2. Information contained in the information system is open and publicly available, except for information access to which is restricted by federal laws.

3. Provision of information contained in the information system to public authorities, local self-government bodies, legal entities, individuals, including individual entrepreneurs, is carried out in electronic form without charging a fee.

4. The information system shall operate and the information contained in the information system shall be provided in electronic form, including by using the infrastructure that ensures information and technological interaction of information systems used to provide state and municipal services and perform state and municipal functions in electronic form.

5. Identification and authentication in the information system shall be performed using a unified identification and authentication system.

6. Signing of documents in the information system by individuals and individual entrepreneurs shall be performed using an enhanced qualified electronic signature, the key certificate of which has been created and is used in the infrastructure that ensures information and technological interaction of information systems used to provide state and municipal services in electronic form in the manner prescribed by the Government of the Russian Federation.

7. Documents in the information system shall be signed by legal entities using an enhanced qualified electronic signature, the key certificate of which has been created and is used in the infrastructure that ensures information and technological interaction of information systems used to provide state and municipal services in electronic form in the manner prescribed by the Government of the Russian Federation.

8. The rules for providing information to the information system, the procedure for providing information contained in the information system, the forms for providing information, the forms and procedure for sending requests for providing information, including in electronic form, shall be approved by the federal executive authority responsible for the development of the state policy and regulations in the field of agricultural plant seed production.

9. The customer and operator of the information system is the federal executive body exercising functions on developing state policy and legal regulation in the field of seed production of agricultural plants. The federal executive body exercising functions on developing state policy and legal regulation in the field of seed production of agricultural plants has the right to transfer the functions of the operator to an authorized state budgetary institution subordinate to the federal executive body exercising functions on developing state policy and legal regulation in the field of seed production of agricultural plants. The information system contains documented information specified in Part 12 of this Article, which must be provided:

1) individuals, including individual entrepreneurs, or legal entities operating in the field of seed production, as well as the import of agricultural plant seeds into the Russian Federation and the export of agricultural plant seeds from the Russian Federation;

2) a federal state budgetary institution specified in Part 3 of Article 13 of this Federal Law , accredited testing laboratories and (or) accredited inspection bodies;

3) a federal state budgetary institution specified in Part 3 of Article 20 of this Federal Law ;

4) scientific organizations and educational organizations of higher education that conduct scientific research in the field of seed production and selection.

10. Individuals who use seeds of agricultural plants for sowing (planting) for the purpose of reproduction of plants for personal use are not required to provide information to the information system.

11. If the information to be provided to the information system is contained in other state information systems and/or is mandatorily included in other state information systems, such information shall be subject to inclusion in the information system in an automated mode from other state information systems using a unified system of interdepartmental information interaction.

12. The information system includes information:

1) on legal entities (name, legal form, location, information on state registration of a legal entity, taxpayer identification number, code of the reason for registration), individuals, including individual entrepreneurs (surname, name, patronymic (if any), taxpayer identification number, insurance number of an individual personal account) engaged in production, storage, sale as well as the import of seeds of agricultural plants into the Russian Federation and the export of seeds of agricultural plants from the Russian Federation of seeds of agricultural plants;

2) place of production of seeds of agricultural plants, the place of cultivation of agricultural plants;

3) on the actual production volumes of seeds of varieties or hybrids of agricultural plants (indicating the parental forms of hybrids), including domestic selection, and transactions with them, including informing the originator and (or) the author of the variety or hybrid, and (or) the holder (holders) of the exclusive right in the event that the variety or hybrid has a patent;

4) indicators of varietal and sowing (planting) qualities of seeds of agricultural plants;

5) amounts of sold seeds of agricultural plants, except for seeds of agricultural plants sold in consumer packaging to individuals for personal use;

6) presence (absence) of genetically engineered organisms in seeds of agricultural plants, except for seeds of agricultural plants sold in consumer packaging to individuals for personal use;

7) amounts of seeds of agricultural plants used for food, and/or fodder, and/or technical purposes;

8) agricultural plant varieties or hybrids, including domestic selection, information about which is entered in the State Register of Agricultural Plant Varieties and Hybrids Approved for Use, as well as in the State Register of Protected Breeding Achievements;

9) seeds of agricultural plants imported into the Russian Federation and exported from the Russian Federation.

10) on scientific research in the field of seed production and selection of agricultural plants, conducted by scientific organizations and educational organizations of higher education, carrying out such research at the expense of the federal budget, funds from the budgets of the constituent entities of the Russian Federation and funds from local budgets, and their results;

11) on the organization of localization of production of seeds of agricultural plants on the territory of the Russian Federation, established in accordance with Part 4 of Article 12 of this Federal Law , and on its results.

13. Producers of seeds of agricultural plants shall be obliged to provide information to the information system in accordance with the rules stipulated in this Article.

14. Other information to be provided to the information system shall be established by the Government of the Russian Federation.

15. The procedure for interaction between the information system and other state information systems shall be established by the Government of the Russian Federation.

16. The protection of information contained in the information system shall be carried out by the federal executive body exercising functions on the development of state policy and normative-legal regulation in the field of seed production of agricultural plants, in accordance with the legislation of the Russian Federation on information, information technology and the protection of information, the legislation of the Russian Federation in the field of personal data, the legislation of the Russian Federation on state secrets, commercial and other secrets protected by law.

Article 22. Import of seeds of agricultural plants into the Russian Federation and export of seeds of agricultural plants from the Russian Federation

1. Importation into the Russian Federation of seeds of agricultural plants shall be allowed if the documents containing information on the indicators of varietal and sowing (planting) qualities of seeds of agricultural plants are drawn up for the said seeds, the said seeds comply with the requirements established in accordance with Part 2 of Article 13 of this Federal Law. When importing seeds of agricultural plants into the Russian Federation, genetic passports for varieties and hybrids of agricultural plants and documents containing information on the indicators of varietal and sowing (planting) qualities of seeds of agricultural plants of exporting countries are recognized, provided that the federal executive authority carrying out the functions of federal state control (supervision) in the field of seed production in regarding seeds of agricultural plants, preliminary audit of laboratories of foreign countries for testing seeds to confirm the competence of such laboratories, methods and research results (with the exception of laboratories of states that are members of the

Eurasian Economic Union). The periodicity and procedure of this audit shall be established by the Government of the Russian Federation.

2. For agricultural plant varieties which are included in the State Register of Agricultural Plant Varieties and Hybrids Approved for Use and for which no genetic passports have been issued, genetic passports shall be issued for importation into the Russian Federation in accordance with the procedure established by the Government of the Russian Federation.

3. It is prohibited to import into the Russian Federation in an untreated state (in bulk) seeds of agricultural plants treated with chemical or biological preparations, pesticides not included in the State Catalog of Pesticides and Agrochemicals Permitted for Use in the Russian Federation, as well as seeds of agricultural plants, genera and species of which are contained in the list specified in Part 2 of Article 19 of this Federal Law, if such varieties and hybrids are not included in the State Register of Varieties and Hybrids of Agricultural Plants Approved for Use, with the exception of seeds of agricultural plants intended for scientific research, state testing, seed production for export from the Russian Federation, grape seedlings.

4. The importation into the Russian Federation and use for sowing (planting) of seeds of agricultural plants containing genetically engineered organisms shall be prohibited, except for the sowing (planting) of such seeds for expert examinations and research work.

5. The procedure for the importation into the Russian Federation and exportation from the Russian Federation of seeds of agricultural plants shall be established by the Government of the Russian Federation.

6. The procedure for the importation into the Russian Federation of seeds of agricultural plants for expert examinations and research work as well as for use for educational purposes shall be approved by the Government of the Russian Federation.

7. When importing into the Russian Federation and exporting from the Russian Federation seeds of agricultural plants, the presence of genetically modified organisms in the seeds of agricultural plants is determined by analyzing the seeds of agricultural plants by accredited inspection bodies in the manner and within the timeframes established by the federal executive body exercising functions for the development of state policy and normative-legal regulation in the field of seed production of agricultural plants.

8. Based on the results of the analysis of agricultural plant seeds for the presence of genetically modified organisms, accredited inspection bodies, on the basis of the results of laboratory studies conducted by an accredited testing laboratory or a laboratory within an accredited inspection body, issue a conclusion on the presence (absence) of genetically modified organisms in agricultural plant seeds. The form of the conclusion on the presence (absence) of genetically modified organisms in agricultural plant seeds shall be established by the federal executive body exercising functions on the development of state policy and normative-legal regulation in the field of seed production of agricultural plants, in agreement with the national accreditation body.

9. In the event that genetically modified organisms are detected when determining the presence of genetically modified organisms in the seeds of agricultural plants, the owner and (or) holder of the seeds of agricultural plants or accredited inspection bodies that have established the presence of genetically modified organisms in the seeds of agricultural plants as a result of laboratory tests are required to notify the federal executive body exercising federal state control (supervision) in the field of seed production in relation to seeds of agricultural plants within three days.

10. The owner and (or) holder of seeds of agricultural plants in which the presence of genetically modified organisms has been detected are obliged to destroy such seeds of agricultural plants in the presence of an official of the federal executive body exercising federal state control (supervision) in the field of seed production, in the manner established by the federal executive body exercising functions on the development of state policy and normative-legal regulation in the field of seed production of agricultural plants, within 15 days from the date of receipt of the conclusion provided for in Part 8 of this article.

Chapter 4.

FEDERAL STATE CONTROL (SUPERVISION) IN THE FIELD OF SEED PRODUCTION WITH REGARD TO SEEDS OF AGRICULTURAL PLANTS

Article 23. Peculiarities of federal state control (supervision) in the field of seed production with regard to seeds of agricultural plants

The federal state control (supervision) in the field of seed of agricultural plants is carried out in accordance with Article 24 of this Federal Law and Federal Law № 248-FZ of July 31, 2020 "On State Control (Supervision) and Municipal Control in the Russian Federation". At checkpoints across the State Border of the Russian Federation and in temporary storage warehouses, the federal state control (supervision) in the field of seed production with regard to seeds of agricultural plants shall be carried out in accordance with Article 25 of this Federal Law.

Article 24. Subject, organization and procedure of the federal state control (supervision) in the field of seed production with regard to seeds of agricultural plants

1. Federal state control (supervision) in the field of seed production with regard to agricultural plant seeds shall be exercised by the federal executive bodies authorized by the Government of the Russian Federation.

2. The subject matter of the federal state control (supervision) in the field of seed production with regard to seeds of agricultural plants is compliance with the mandatory requirements established by this Federal Law, Federal Law № 86-FZ dated July 5, 1996 "On State Regulation in the Field of Genetic Engineering Activity" and other regulatory legal acts adopted in accordance with them:

- 1) for indicators of varietal and sowing (planting) qualities of seeds of agricultural plants;
- 2) for production, transportation and sale of seeds of agricultural plants;
- 3) for observance of prohibitions and restrictions associated with the importation into the Russian Federation and cultivation in the Russian Federation of seeds of agricultural plants (planting material), including those containing genetically engineered organisms.

3. The organization and implementation of the federal state control (supervision) in the field of seed of agricultural plants, with the exception of the federal state control (supervision) carried out at the checkpoints across the state border of the Russian Federation and in temporary storage warehouses, is regulated by Federal Law № 248-FZ of July 31, 2020 "On State Control (Supervision) and Municipal Control in the Russian Federation".

4. The Regulation on Federal State Control (Supervision) in the Field of Seed Production with Respect to Seeds of Agricultural Plants shall be approved by the Government of the Russian Federation.

Article 25. Implementation of the federal state control (supervision) in the field of seed production for seeds of agricultural plants at checkpoints across the state border of the Russian Federation and in temporary storage warehouses

1. The rules of federal state control (supervision) in the field of seed production with regard to agricultural plant seeds at checkpoints across the state border of the Russian Federation and in temporary storage warehouses when agricultural plant seeds are imported into the Russian Federation from foreign states which are not members of the Eurasian Economic Union, and the list of authorized federal executive bodies involved in its implementation shall be established by the Government of the Russian Federation. The Government of the Russian Federation has the right to establish the competence of a federal executive authority to exercise federal state control (supervision) in the field of seed production with regard to agricultural plant seeds at checkpoints across the State Border of the Russian Federation and in temporary storage warehouses located in the area of free port of Vladivostok and in the Arctic zone of the Russian Federation for a certain period, as well as the procedure for exercising such control (supervision).

2. Based on the results of the federal state control (supervision) in the field of seed production with regard to agricultural plant seeds at checkpoints across the state border of the Russian Federation and in temporary storage warehouses and/or places of full customs clearance, a decision shall be made taking into account the risk management system.

3. The procedure for development and implementation of risk management measures, including the procedure for collecting and analyzing information, including preliminary information provided by participants of foreign economic activities to the customs authorities, as well as the strategy and tactics for applying the risk management system shall be determined by a federal executive authority exercising functions of the federal state control (supervision) in the field of seed production with regard to seeds of agricultural plants.

4. Tests and/or examinations of samples (specimens) of seeds of agricultural plants, which consist in carrying out research on seeds imported into the Russian Federation, including planting material, including for the presence of genetically engineered modified organisms in them, shall be conducted at the owner's expense in a laboratory accredited in the national accreditation system with the necessary accreditation scope.

Chapter 5.

ENSURING SAFETY IN THE FIELD OF SEED PRODUCTION OF AGRICULTURAL PLANTS

Article 26. Risk analysis in the area of agricultural plant seed production

1. Analysis of risks in the field of agricultural plant seed production shall be carried out taking into account the criteria and principles of objectivity, adequacy and effectiveness of the application of measures to minimize such risks in the manner prescribed by the Government of the Russian Federation.

2. The results of risk analysis in the field of agricultural plant seed production are taken into account:

1) special requirements are established as set forth by the federal executive authority exercising functions of the federal state control (supervision) in the field of seed production in respect of seeds of agricultural plants;

2) introduction of temporary restrictions on importation of seed products into the Russian Federation and/or establishment of additional (special) requirements for indicators of varietal and sowing (planting) qualities of seeds of agricultural plants imported into the Russian Federation;

3) implementation in the Russian Federation of the federal state control (supervision) in the field of seed production with regard to seeds of agricultural plants;

4) in other cases established by the legislation in the field of seed production of agricultural plants.

3. The methodology of risk analysis in the field of agricultural plant seed production shall be approved by the federal executive authority responsible for the development of the state policy and regulations in the field of agricultural plant seed production.

Article 27. Introduction of temporary restrictions on imports of seeds of agricultural plants into the Russian Federation and/or the establishment of additional (special) requirements for indicators of varietal and sowing (planting) qualities of seeds of agricultural plants imported into the Russian Federation

1. The introduction of temporary restrictions on the import into the Russian Federation of seeds of agricultural plants and/or the establishment of additional (special) requirements for the indicators of varietal and sowing (planting) qualities of seeds of agricultural plants imported into the Russian Federation are carried out by decisions of the federal executive authority exercising the functions of federal state control (supervision) in the field of seed production in regarding seeds of agricultural plants, the production of which is carried out in individual foreign states or groups of foreign states, their separate areas or organizations located in their territories and the import of which is carried out from these states. Introduction of temporary restrictions on imports of seeds of agricultural plants into the Russian Federation and/or establishment of additional (special) requirements to the indicators of varietal and sowing (planting) qualities of seeds of agricultural plants imported

into the Russian Federation from states which are members of the Eurasian Economic Union shall be carried out in the manner prescribed by the laws of the Eurasian Economic Union.

2. The imports of seeds of agricultural plants into the Russian Federation referred to in Part 1 of this Article shall not be permitted in the event that a decision is taken to impose temporary restrictions on the imports of seeds of agricultural plants into the Russian Federation.

3. Decisions to impose temporary restrictions on imports of seeds of agricultural plants into the Russian Federation and/or on the establishment of additional (special) requirements for the indicators of varietal and sowing (planting) qualities of seeds of agricultural plants imported into the Russian Federation shall be taken in the following cases:

1) the existence of information on the production on all or part of the territory of a foreign state, the territories of groups of foreign states, their separate areas or organizations located in their territories of genetically engineered agricultural plants that pose a threat to the biological security of the Russian Federation;

2) systematic detection of non-compliance of seeds of agricultural plants imported into the Russian Federation from the foreign states or groups of foreign states specified in paragraph 1 of this Part, produced in them, their separate areas or organizations located in their territories, with the requirements established in accordance with Part 2 of Article 13 of this Federal Law, during the implementation of the federal state control (supervision) in the field of seed production with regard to seeds of agricultural plants.

4. Decisions to impose temporary restrictions on imports of seeds of agricultural plants into the Russian Federation and/or to impose additional (special) requirements to the indicators of varietal and sowing (planting) qualities of seeds of agricultural plants imported into the Russian Federation shall specify the duration of such restrictions and the effective date of the relevant decisions. In the circumstances provided for in paragraph 1 of Part 3 of this Article, such decisions can be made for an indefinite period until the reasons for the introduction of temporary restrictions are eliminated.

5. The procedure for introduction of temporary restrictions on imports of seeds of agricultural plants into the Russian Federation and/or establishing additional (special) requirements for the indicators of varietal and sowing (planting) qualities of the seeds of agricultural plants imported into the Russian Federation shall be established by the federal executive authority responsible for development of the state policy and regulations in the field of agricultural plant seed production.

Chapter 6.

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION IN THE FIELD OF SEED PRODUCTION OF AGRICULTURAL PLANTS

Article 28. International Cooperation of the Russian Federation in the Field of Seed Production of Agricultural Plants

1. International cooperation of the Russian Federation in the field of seed production of agricultural plants is carried out in accordance with international treaties of the Russian Federation and the legislation of the Russian Federation.

2. The federal executive authority responsible for the implementation of the federal state control (supervision) in the field of seed of agricultural plants within the framework of international cooperation:

1) exchange necessary information on safety in the field of agricultural plant seed production with national organizations or authorized organizations of foreign states providing state control in the field of seed production (hereinafter referred to as national organizations of foreign states);

2) inform national organizations of foreign states about the requirements imposed on seeds of agricultural plants and the restrictions imposed on seeds of agricultural plants;

3) notify national organizations of foreign states of non-compliance of agricultural plant seeds imported into the Russian Federation with the requirements established by this Federal Law, as well as investigate cases of non-compliance of agricultural plant seeds exported from the Russian Federation with the requirements of regulatory documents in the field of agricultural plant seed production of foreign states;

4) audit laboratories of foreign states for testing seeds of agricultural plants (except for laboratories of states that are members of the Eurasian Economic Union) in accordance with the procedure approved by the Government of the Russian Federation.

Chapter 7.

LIABILITY FOR VIOLATIONS OF LAWS IN THE FIELD OF SEED PRODUCTION OF AGRICULTURAL PLANTS

Article 29. Liability for violation of laws in the field of seed production of agricultural plants

Responsibility for violation of laws in the field of seed production of agricultural plants shall be established in accordance with the laws of the Russian Federation.

Chapter 8.

FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 30. Repealing the Federal Law "On Seed Production" and certain provisions of legislative acts of the Russian Federation

Declare null and void:

1) Federal Law № 149-FZ dated December 17, 1997 "On Seed Production" (Corpus of Legislative Acts of the Russian Federation, 1997, № 51, art. 5715);

2) Article 36 of Federal Law № 15-FZ dated January 10, 2003 "On Amending Certain Legislative Acts of the Russian Federation in Connection with the adoption of the Federal Law "On Licensing Certain Activities" (Corpus of Legislative Acts of the Russian Federation, 2003, № 2, Art. 167);

3) Article 24 of Federal Law № 242-FZ dated July 18, 2011 "On Amendments to Certain Legislative Acts of the Russian Federation on the Implementation of State Control (Supervision) and Municipal Control" (Corpus of Legislative Acts of the Russian Federation, 2011, № 30, Art. 4590);

4) Article 25 of Federal Law № 248-FZ dated July 19, 2011 "On Amending Certain Legislative Acts of the Russian Federation in Connection with the Implementation of the Federal Law "On Technical Regulation" (Corpus of Legislative Acts of the Russian Federation, 2011, № 30, Art. 4596);

5) Article 51 of Federal Law № 185-FZ dated July 2, 2013 "On Amending Certain Legislative Acts of the Russian Federation and Repealing Legislative Acts (Certain Provisions of Legislative Acts) of the Russian Federation in Connection with the Adoption of the Federal Law "On Education in the Russian Federation" (Corpus of Legislative Acts of the Russian Federation, 2013, № 27, Art. 3477);

6) Article 4 of Federal Law № 27-FZ dated March 12, 2014 "On Amendments to Certain Legislative Acts of the Russian Federation on the Implementation of Federal State Forest Supervision (Forest Protection) and Implementation of Measures to Protect and Restore Forests" (Corpus of Legislative Acts of the Russian Federation, 2014, № 11, art. 1092);

7) Article 1 of Federal Law № 160-FZ dated June 23, 2014 "On Amendments to Certain Legislative Acts of the Russian Federation" (Corpus of Legislative Acts of the Russian Federation, 2014, № 26, art. 3366);

8) Article 14 of Federal Law № 233-FZ dated July 13, 2015 "On Amendments to the Federal Law "On General Principles of Organization of Legislative (Representative) and Executive Bodies of State Power of the Constituent Entities of the Russian Federation" and Certain Legislative Acts of the Russian Federation and the Annulment of Certain Provisions of Legislative Acts of the Russian Federation" (Corpus of Legislative Acts of the Russian Federation, 2015, № 29, art. 4359);

9) Article 2 of Federal Law № 358-FZ dated July 3, 2016 "On Amending Certain Legislative Acts of the Russian Federation to Improve State Regulation in the Field of Genetic Engineering Activities" (Corpus of Legislative Acts of the Russian Federation, 2016, № 27, Art. 4291);

10) Article 44 of Federal Law № 429-FZ dated December 8, 2020 "On Amendments to Certain Legislative Acts of the Russian Federation" (Corpus of Legislative Acts of the Russian Federation, 2020, № 50, Art. 8074);

11) Article 29 of Federal Law № 170-FZ dated June 11, 2021 "On Amending Certain Legislative Acts of the Russian Federation in Connection with the Adoption of the Federal Law "On State Control (Supervision) and Municipal Control in the Russian Federation"(Corpus of Legislative Acts of the Russian Federation, 2021, № 24, art. 4188).

Article 31. Transitional Provisions

1. The varieties and hybrids of agricultural plants included in the Register of Breeding Achievements Approved for Use shall be deemed included in the Register of Varieties and Hybrids of Agricultural Plants Approved for Use until September 1, 2023 without additional tests.

2. The provisions of Part 3 of Article 13 of this Federal Law in terms of accreditation of a federal state budgetary institution subordinate to the federal executive body that exercises functions on developing state policy and legal regulation in the field of seed production of agricultural plants shall apply from March 1, 2026.

Article 31_1. Features of the application of this Federal Law in the territories of the Donetsk People's Republic, the Lugansk People's Republic, the Zaporizhia region, the Kherson region

1. Until December 31, 2025, the requirements for the production (cultivation), transportation, and sale of seeds of agricultural plants in the territories of the Donetsk People's Republic, Luhansk People's Republic, Zaporizhia Oblast, and Kherson Oblast shall be established by regulatory legal acts of the Donetsk People's Republic, Luhansk People's Republic, Zaporizhia Oblast, and Kherson Oblast in agreement with the federal executive body exercising functions on developing state policy and legal regulation in the field of seed production of agricultural plants.

2. The specifics of including varieties and hybrids of agricultural plants in the State Register of Varieties and Hybrids of Agricultural Plants Approved for Use and testing varieties and hybrids of agricultural plants for the Donetsk People's Republic, the Lugansk People's Republic, the Zaporizhia Region, and the Kherson Region shall be established by the procedure for forming and maintaining the State Register of Varieties and Hybrids of Agricultural Plants Approved for Use, as well as providing information from it, approved by the Government of the Russian Federation.

Article 32. Procedure for the entry into force of this Federal Law

1. This Federal Law shall enter into force on September 1, 2023, with the exception of provisions for which this article establishes other dates for their entry into force.

2. Parts 1, 3-8 of Article 19, parts 1-5 and 9 of Article 20, Article 21 and parts 5 and 6 of Article 22 of this Federal Law shall enter into force on September 1, 2024.

2.1. Part 6 of Article 20 of this Federal Law shall enter into force on January 1, 2025.

2.2. Part 10 of Article 20 of this Federal Law shall enter into force on September 1, 2025.

3. Part 7 of Article 12, parts 6.1-8, 10.1 and 11 of Article 20 of this Federal Law shall enter into force on September 1, 2027.

President of the Russian Federation

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