

# Seed LLP: Industry Efforts

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# Seed LLP: When Does It Happen?

- Regulatory non-compliance
  - Approved for cultivation in a country but not in importing country
  - Not approved for cultivation anywhere
- Market needs
- Food labeling requirements

# Strategies

- Regulatory non-compliance
  - Focus on situations with approval for cultivation in at least one country
  - Focus on risk assessment
  - Complementary to LLP effort for food/feed

# OECD Seed LLP Project

- For industry the goal is:
  - To provide general guidance to regulatory authorities on appropriate elements of a safety assessment under scope of project.
  - Use of concept of familiarity

# Efforts Complementary to OECD

- ILSI consensus documents on specific traits
- On a regional basis, mechanisms for regulatory authorities to exchange information

# Strategies

- Meeting market demands
  - Regulatory compliance not an issue
  - Risk assessment not an issue
- Focus on thresholds and existing seed quality standards.

# Strategies

- Biotech food labeling requirements
  - Threshold for labeling has impact on seed threshold

# Seed Association of the Americas

- SAA: Canada, U.S., Mexico, Argentina, Uruguay, Brazil, Chile, Paraguay and Venezuela
- LLP is a priority
- Government-Industry meeting at 2<sup>nd</sup> SAA Congress, September 2009
- SAA Workshop, May 4-5 2010: *Regional Approach to Seed AP and LLP*

# International Seed Federation

- AP Working Group
- ISF Seminar, post-World Seed Congress, June 2010
- Setting industry priorities

# ASTA Guide to Seed Quality Management

- Provides general guidance for the development of a quality management program
- Guidance for maintaining seed product integrity and purity
- Scope: Movement of seed
  - Incorporation of a trait into a breeding program through commercial seed production and sale
  - Product integrity and purity of both non-biotechnology-derived seed and biotechnology seed.

# ASTA Guide to Seed Quality Management Practices (2)

- Guidance, not a standard
- All or parts of the Guide may be used depending on needs of company
- Intended to serve as a reference document for companies developing individual quality management practices and operating procedures.

# Access to the Guide

- The Guide will be maintained in a dynamic and interactive format
- Available to the public
- [www.amseed.org/seedquality](http://www.amseed.org/seedquality)

# Stewardship

- BIO's launch policy
- Excellence Through Stewardship