

Policy, Legal and Regulatory

Country: Ghana

	Profile Element	Response
1	National seed policy (name, date, date of last update)	Ghana National Seed Policy, 2013
2	National seed strategy (name, date, date of last update, status of implementation)	National Seed Plan, 2015
3	National extension and agricultural advisory policy (name, date, date of last update)	Agriculture Extension Policy 2003, Revised Ag Extension Policy 2019
4	National seed law and amendments (name, date, date of amendments) (may be in the form of a law, act, or proclamation)	Plant and Fertilizer Act 2010
5	National seed regulations and revisions (may be multiple regulations related to general matters, certification, variety evaluation, etc.) (name, date, date of revision)	Seeds (Certification and Standards) Regulations, 2018
6	Guidelines, Directives related to general seed matters, certification, variety evaluation, etc. (name, date, date of revision)	National Seed Plan, Ghana Varieties Release Catalogue
7	Plant Health Protection/Quarantine law and amendments (name, date, date of amendment)	Plant Protection Regulations 2012 (LI 2193)
8	Plant Health Protection/Quarantine regulations and revisions (name, date, date of last revision)	Plant Protection Regulations 2012 (LI 2193)
9	Plant Variety Protection/Plant Breeders' Rights law and amendments (name, date, date of amendments)	The Plant Variety Protection Act, 2020, Act 1050
10	Plant Variety Protection/Plant Breeders' Rights regulations and revisions (name, date, date of last revision)	The regulations yet to be put before parliament
11	Biosafety law and amendments (name, date, date of amendment)	Biosafety Act, 2011 Act 831
12	Biosafety regulations and revisions (name, date, date of last revision)	Biosafety Act 831, Biosafety Regulations L.I. 2383
13	Customs Code/ law and amendments (name, date, date of amendments)	
14	Presence of seed quality standards and protocols for the focus crops by class (crop, date, date of last update)	Seed quality Standards
15	Stakeholder access channels for copies of laws, regulations, etc. (include website links)	No distinctive PPRSD website. Very scant seed information on MOFA website (www.mofa.gov.gh)
16	Membership in regional seed-related entities (list entities)	ECOWAS harmonization protocol,
17	Membership in seed-related international conventions and treaties	International Seed testing Association

18	Name, responsibilities, and composition (by type and number of members) of the variety release committee, number of meetings per year	17 members. Director of Crops Services MoFA Chairman, Director CSIR, Director DAES MoFA, Head Ghana Seed Inspection Div., Director SRI, Director WIAD MoFA, One Rep Faculties of Agric of one of the Universities, two Rep from the private engaged in seeds, one Rep from cocoa Res, Inst, One rep from Grains& Legumes Dev. Board, three Rep from Farmers in Ghana, Director Forest Res. Inst. One plant breeder each from CRI,SRI,
19	Names of other relevant seed-related committees under the regulations (responsibilities, # of times they meet in a year, composition, etc.)	National seed Council, National variety release committee (NVRRC)
20	Legal issues currently on the radar screen (list and status)	Implementation of the PVP law
21	Key institutions involved in seed sector regulations (year of establishment and mandate)	PPRSD- MoFA, CSD-MoFA, National seed council
22	Main stakeholder groups involved in the seed policy making process in the country	Researchers, Academia, MoFA, Farmer Organizations, NASTAG
23	Main private sector stakeholders impacted by the seed policy, legal and regulatory instrument (Seed Companies, Farmers' Groups/ Unions/ Associations and Nongovernmental Organizations, etc.) (name, role, contact).	NASTAG, Certified seed growers
24	Main public sector stakeholders involved in regulation of the seed sector (National Seed Authority, variety release and registration department, seed certification department, National Agricultural Research Institution, Plant quarantine/health and protection department, Plant Variety Protection Office/Department, National Revenue Authority) (name, role, contact).	PPRSD- MoFA, CSD-MoFA, National seed council