

Policy, Legal and Regulatory

Country: Malawi

	Profile Element	Response
1	National seed policy (name, date, date of last update)	National Seed Policy, 2018
2	National seed strategy (name, date, date of last update, status of implementation)	Not available
3	National extension and agricultural advisory policy (name, date, date of last update)	1. Pluralistic and demand driven Agricultural Extension Policy, 2000. 2 National Agricultural Extension and Advisory Services Strategy, 2020
4	National seed law and amendments (name, date, date of amendments) (may be in the form of a law, act, or proclamation)	Seed Act 2022
5	National seed regulations and revisions (may be multiple regulations related to general matters, certification, variety evaluation, etc.) (name, date, date of revision)	Seed Regulations, 2018
6	Guidelines, Directives related to general seed matters, certification, variety evaluation, etc. (name, date, date of revision)	Missing Information
7	Plant Health Protection/Quarantine law and amendments (name, date, date of amendment)	Plant Protection Act, 2018
8	Plant Health Protection/Quarantine regulations and revisions (name, date, date of last revision)	Missing information
9	Plant Variety Protection/Plant Breeders' Rights law and amendments (name, date, date of amendments)	Plant Breeders' Rights, 2018
10	Plant Variety Protection/Plant Breeders' Rights regulations and revisions (name, date, date of last revision)	None after 2018
11	Biosafety law and amendments (name, date, date of amendment)	Biosafety Act, 2002
12	Biosafety regulations and revisions (name, date, date of last revision)	Biosafety Regulations, 2007; Biotechnology and Biosafety Policy 2008
13	Customs Code/ law and amendments (name, date, date of amendments)	Customs and Excise (Tariffs) Order, 2019

14	Presence of seed quality standards and protocols for the focus crops by class (crop, date, date of last update)	CERTIFIED SEED PRODUCTION (MT)				
		Crop	2017	2018	2019	2020
		Maize			17,499	
		Beans			881	
		Groundnuts			845	
		Soybean			1,317	
		Total			20,542	
15	Stakeholder access channels for copies of laws, regulations, etc. (include website links)	SSU lack a website. Limited seed information on DARS website:				
16	Membership in regional seed-related entities (list entities)	COMESA Seed Trade Harmonization Regulations, 2014; Southern Africa Development Community Harmonized Seed Regulations, 2013				
17	Membership in seed-related international conventions and treaties	Member of ISTA; Follow OECD seed Scheme				
18	Name, responsibilities and composition (by type and number of members) of the variety release committee, number of meetings per year	Agricultural Technology Clearing Committee				
19	Names of other relevant seed-related committees under the regulations (responsibilities, # of times they meet in a year, composition, etc.)	None				
20	Legal issues currently on the radar screen (list and status)	None				
21	Key institutions involved in seed sector regulations (year of establishment and mandate)	Seed Services Unit - Regulator				
22	Main stakeholder groups involved in the seed policy making process in the country	Government, Civil Society, Private Sector and Farmer Organizations				
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).	Seed Traders Association of Malawi; Farmers Union of Malawi; Civil Society Agriculture Network				
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).	Seed Services Unit - Regulator; Agricultural Technology Clearing Committee; Division of Plant Protection and Phytosanitary Services; Department of Agricultural Research Services; Malawi Revenue Authority				

