

Seed Certification



KIKUYU RULES Ref SR 029

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The following Rules are to be applied in conjunction with the "General Rules" for the Certification of Seed for Sowing that contain the general procedures.

OBJECTIVE

To provide for the certification of Kikuyu seed *Pennisetum clandestinum* that is true to type for export and domestic purposes.

PADDOCK HISTORY

An area will not be eligible for registration for the production of basic or certified kikuyu seed if any part of the area nominated has grown a kikuyu crop other than a basic or certified crop of the same cultivar in the previous two (2) years.

SEED SOURCE

Breeders seed is required to plant Basic seed areas.

Basic seed is required to plant certified seed areas.

ISOLATION

Basic and certified seed areas must be planted at least 10 metres from any crop or volunteer plants of kikuyu other than a basic or certified crop of the same cultivar.

INSPECTIONS

A pre planting inspection may be required to ensure the area is free of other kikuyu plants.

An annual inspection is required for each area that will be harvested for basic or certified seed.

CROP REJECTION

Seed may be rejected for the purposes of certification if:-

Basic seed – is not free of any plant not true to variety or has any regenerated seedlings.

Certified seed – has more than one plant per 10 metres square not true to variety or more than 15 % are regenerated seedlings.

SEED QUALITY STANDARDS

Seed must meet the standards as listed hereunder to be eligible for labelling as basic or certified seed.

Minimum germination	60 %
Minimum Purity	93 %
Maximum Other Seed	2 %

