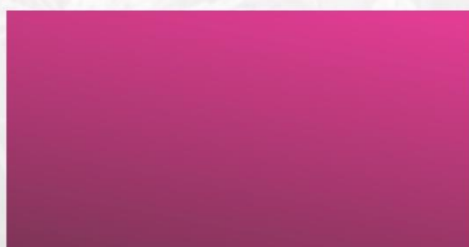
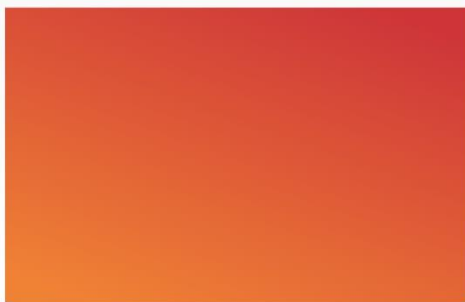


REGISTRATION OF VEGETABLE VARIETIES ALREADY IN THE MARKET (TRANSITIONAL GUIDELINE)



Registration of Vegetable Varieties already in the Market (Transitional guideline)

In the case, the applicant during notification has indicated that the varieties are for a vegetable crop, and that the varieties were already in the Nigerian seed market before the time of the publication at the Nigeria Seed Portal (<https://nigseedportal.ng/>)/guideline by the National Variety Release Committee, the following steps are to be taken:

- The applicant indicates in the notification form the crop is a vegetable, and that the variety is already being marketed in Nigeria, and the applicant requests exemption from on-farm testing;
- The applicant provides the CRO with information at least for four of the below elaborated categories, to enable the assessment of the presence of the variety in the market:
 - a) Letter of authorization: A letter of authorization from the variety developer, breeder, or rights holder authorizing the registration and marketing of the variety in Nigeria by the applicant;
 - b) Import permits and or phytosanitary certificates: Valid import permits/ Phytosanitary certificates that shows the entry of the vegetable seed variety into Nigeria for at least 2 years preceding nomination;
 - c) Quality assurance codex: Evidence of issuance of seed codex from the NASC for at least 1 year;
 - d) Sales records: Evidence of sales transactions within Nigeria, including invoices, receipts, or sales ledgers to show that the variety has been marketed and sold for at least 2 years prior to application;
 - e) Marketing materials: Copies of advertisements, brochures, or other promotional materials used to market the variety in Nigeria for the last 2 years;
 - f) Formal letters or testimonials on varietal performance: Written statements from farmers, farmers' associations, or cooperatives that attest to the variety's performance and acceptance in local conditions.
- The applicant provides minimum data based on the above points a-f to support the registration and release of the 'candidate vegetable variety in the market' to support the application
- The CRO reviews the data and other documentation, and provides the applicant with an assessment report, which if supportive to the nomination, should be included in the nomination.
- If the decision is supportive, the applicant is exempted from conducting any test required for the nomination, and can proceed with the nomination of the variety.

The current exemption valid for vegetable varieties is a transitional guide, it is only applicable for the three (3) years immediately following the publication of the Nigerian Seed portal/guideline by the National Variety Release Committee.