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**No.** 527

**Moscow**

**On approval of the Procedure for Imposing Temporary Restrictions on Agricultural Seed Imports into the Russian Federation and (or) Additional (Special) Requirements for Varietal and Sowing (Planting) Properties of Agricultural Seeds Imported into the Russian Federation**

In accordance with Part 5 Article 27 of Federal Law No. 454-FZ dated December 30, 2021 On Seed Production and Sub-Clause 5.2.25(156) Clause 5 of the Regulations on the Ministry of Agriculture of the Russian Federation approved by Resolution of the Government of the Russian Federation No. 450 dated June 12, 2008, it is hereby o r d e r e d as follows:

1. To approve the annexed Procedure for **Imposing Temporary Restrictions on Agricultural Seed Imports into the Russian Federation and (or) Additional (Special) Requirements for Varietal and Sowing (Planting) Properties of Agricultural Seeds Imported into the Russian Federation.**

2. **This order shall come into force on September 1, 2023 and be valid through September 1, 2029.**

Acting Minister

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APPROVED

by Decree of the Russian Ministry of Agriculture  
No. 527 dated May 24, 2023

**PROCEDURE**  
**for Imposing Temporary Restrictions on Agricultural**  
**Seed Imports into the Russian Federation and (or)**  
**Additional (Special) Requirements for Varietal**  
**and Sowing (Planting) Properties of Agricultural**  
**Seeds Imported into the Russian Federation**

I. General provisions

1. This Procedure establishes the rules for imposing temporary restrictions on agricultural seed imports into the Russian Federation and (or) additional (special) requirements for varietal and sowing (planting) properties of agricultural seeds imported into the Russian Federation, the production of which is based in certain foreign states or groups of foreign states, their certain localities or in organizations located on their grounds and which are imported from such states.

2. Temporary restrictions on agricultural seed imports into the Russian Federation shall be imposed and (or) additional (special) requirements for varietal and sowing (planting) properties of agricultural seeds imported into the Russian Federation from member States of the Eurasian Economic Union shall be established by the Federal Service for Veterinary and Phytosanitary Surveillance<sup>1</sup>(the "competent authority").

3. Temporary restrictions on agricultural seed imports into the Russian Federation shall be imposed and (or) additional (special) requirements for varietal and sowing (planting) properties of agricultural seeds imported into the Russian Federation from member States of the Eurasian Economic Union shall be established as provided for by "laws of the Eurasian Economic Union"<sup>2</sup>(the "imported seeds").

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<sup>1</sup> Part 1 Article 27 of Federal Law No. 454-FZ dated December 30, 2021 On Seed Production

<sup>2</sup> Part 1 Article 27 of Federal Law No. 454-FZ dated December 30, 2021 On Seed Production.

4. Temporary restrictions shall not apply to agricultural seed imports into the Russian Federation from a foreign state for the purposes of testing and R&D works.

II. Grounds for imposing temporary restrictions and (or) additional (special) requirements

5. The decision on imposing temporary restrictions on agricultural seed imports into the Russian Federation shall be taken by the competent authority in case it receives information about production on the entire territory of a foreign state or a part thereof, on territories of groups of foreign states, or certain localities therein (the "territories of a foreign state") or in organizations located on their grounds (the "organizations") of genetically modified agricultural plants that pose a threat to biological security of the Russian Federation.

The information set out in the first paragraph of this clause can be obtained through:

- a) official letters of a competent state seed production regulator of a foreign state (the "competent foreign authority") to the competent authority;
- b) official letters of government bodies of the Russian Federation to the competent authority;
- c) findings of the federal government seed production control (supervision) (the "government control")<sup>3</sup> received by the competent authority;
- d) discovery thereof by the competent authority on official websites of the competent foreign authority and (or) a government body of the Russian Federation, when it remains relevant for at least 30 business days from the date of publication on such websites.

6. A decision on additional (special) requirements for varietal and sowing (planting) properties of agricultural seeds imported into the Russian Federation shall be taken by the competent authority in the event, having completed the government control procedure, it finds 3 or more incompliances of seeds to be imported (imported) of one and the same organization or from one and the same territory of a foreign state with the requirements for varietal and sowing (planting) properties of agricultural seeds<sup>4</sup> within 1 year from the date of such first finding.

7. The competent authority shall make decisions on imposing temporary restrictions on agricultural seed imports into the Russian Federation and (or) additional (special) requirements for varietal and sowing (planting) properties of agricultural seeds imported into the Russian Federation in events listed in Clauses 5 and 6 hereof.

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<sup>3</sup> Resolution of the Government of the Russian Federation No. 1758 dated October 3, 2022 On Approval of the Regulations for Federal Government Seed Production Control (Supervision) with respect to Agricultural Seeds and Repeal of Some Acts of the Government of the Russian Federation, Resolution of the Government of the Russian Federation No. 532 dated April 3, 2023 On Approval of the Rules for Federal Government Seed Production Control (Supervision) with respect to Agricultural Seeds at Border Inspection Posts of the Russian Federation in the Event Agricultural Seeds are Imported into the Russian Federation from Foreign Non-Member States of the Eurasian Economic Union and on Amendments to the Rules for Russian Border Control of Persons, Vehicles, Cargos, Goods and Animals".

<sup>4</sup> Part 2 Article 13 of Federal Law No. 454-FZ dated December 30, 2021 On Seed Production.

### III. Decision-making on imposing temporary restrictions and (or) additional (special) requirements

8. A decision on imposing temporary restrictions on agricultural seed imports into the Russian Federation and (or) additional (special) requirements for varietal and sowing (planting) properties of agricultural seeds imported into the Russian Federation shall be made by the competent authority with account for findings of the seed production risk analysis<sup>5</sup>.

9. The decision on imposing temporary restrictions on agricultural seed imports into the Russian Federation and (or) additional (special) requirements for varietal and sowing (planting) properties of agricultural seeds imported into the Russian Federation shall contain the following:  
reasons for imposing thereof;  
duration of such restrictions and (or) additional (special) requirements;  
the effective date of the decision.

A decision on imposing temporary restrictions may be made for an indefinite period in case of any information about production on the entire territory of a foreign state or a part thereof, on territories of groups of foreign states, or certain localities therein or in organizations located on their grounds of genetically modified agricultural plants that pose a threat to biological security of the Russian Federation up until the reasons for imposing temporary restrictions and (or) additional special requirements are eliminated.

10. The date of imposing temporary restrictions on agricultural seed imports into the Russian Federation and (or) additional (special) requirements for varietal and sowing (planting) properties of agricultural seeds imported into the Russian Federation shall be set by the competent authority no earlier than the business day following the date of the decision on imposing temporary restrictions on agricultural seed imports into the Russian Federation and (or) additional (special) requirements for varietal and sowing (planting) properties of agricultural seeds imported into the Russian Federation and no later than 5 business days from the date of such decision.

11. The time frame for a decision on imposing temporary restrictions on agricultural seed imports into the Russian Federation and (or) additional (special) requirements for varietal and sowing (planting) properties of agricultural seeds imported into the Russian Federation shall be no more than 30 calendar days from the date on which the competent authority finds the grounds specified in Clauses 5 and 6 hereof in the course of:

- a) control and supervisory actions the competent authority takes within the framework of the government control procedure <sup>3</sup> in case of agricultural seed imports to the Russian Federation from foreign non-member states of the Eurasian Economic Union <sup>2</sup>;
- b) control and supervisory actions the competent authority takes within the framework of the government control procedure;

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<sup>5</sup> Clause 2 Part 2 Article 26 of Federal Law No. 454-FZ dated December 30, 2021 On Seed Production and Resolution of the Government of the Russian Federation No. 147 dated February 1, 2023 On Approval of the Rules for Risk Analysis in Agricultural Seed Production.

c) testing varietal and sowing (planting) properties of agricultural seeds by government institutions subordinate to a federal executive body who shape national policy and provide regulatory framework in agricultural seed production or by a legal entity or an individual entrepreneur accredited in the national accreditation system in accordance with accreditation laws of the Russian Federation as a testing laboratory and (or) an inspection body in the designated area<sup>6</sup>, including through agricultural seed (planting) approbation<sup>7</sup>;

d) interaction with competent foreign authorities upon receipt of the information specified in Clauses 5 and 6 hereof via diplomatic channels or e-mail using addresses published on official Internet websites of relevant international and national organizations of foreign states.

12. The decision on lifting temporary restrictions on agricultural seed imports into the Russian Federation and (or) additional (special) requirements for varietal and sowing (planting) properties of agricultural seeds imported into the Russian Federation that were imposed for an indefinite period shall be taken no later than 30 calendar days from the date on which the competent foreign authority informs the competent authority that the reasons for such temporary restrictions and (or) additional (special) requirements have been eliminated.

13. The decision on imposing temporary restrictions on agricultural seed imports into the Russian Federation and (or) additional (special) requirements for varietal and sowing (planting) properties of agricultural seeds imported into the Russian Federation shall be terminated early no later than 30 calendar days from the date on which the competent authority receives and (or) discovers information that the reasons on which the decision on imposing temporary restrictions and (or) additional (special) requirements under Clauses 5 and 6 hereof was based have been eliminated.

14. Decisions on imposition and repeal, including early repeal, of temporary restrictions on agricultural seed imports into the Russian Federation and (or) additional (special) requirements for varietal and sowing (planting) properties of agricultural seeds imported into the Russian Federation shall be taken by the competent authority.

IV. Informing stakeholder federal executive authorities,  
foreign government bodies, foreign international and national  
organizations, and parties involved in foreign trade  
of imposing temporary restrictions and (or)  
additional (special) requirements

15. Using departmental software tools for interdepartmental electronic document flow, the competent authority shall send decisions on imposition and repeal, including early repeal, of temporary restrictions on agricultural seed imports into the Russian Federation and (or)

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<sup>6</sup> Part 2 Article 13 of Federal Law No. 454-FZ dated December 30, 2021 On Seed Production.

<sup>7</sup> Article 14 of Federal Law No. 454-FZ of December 30, 2021 On Seed Production.

additional (special) requirements for varietal and sowing (planting) properties of agricultural seeds imported into the Russian Federation to the Ministry of Agriculture of the Russian Federation on the date of a respective decision.

Using the interdepartmental electronic interaction system, the competent authority shall send such decisions to the Federal Customs Service on the date of such decisions<sup>8</sup>.

On the date of the decisions on imposing temporary restrictions on agricultural seed imports into the Russian Federation and (or) additional (special) requirements for varietal and sowing (planting) properties of agricultural seeds imported into the Russian Federation, the competent authority shall inform stakeholder foreign international and national organizations about such decisions via diplomatic channels or e-mail addresses provided on official Internet websites of respective foreign international and national organizations.

16. In order to ensure open access to agricultural seed production information, the competent authority shall publish information about decisions on imposition and repeal, including early repeal, of temporary restrictions on agricultural seed imports into the Russian Federation and (or) additional (special) requirements for varietal and sowing (planting) properties of agricultural seeds imported into the Russian Federation on its official website on the date of such decisions.

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<sup>8</sup> Resolution of the Government of the Russian Federation No. 697 dated September 8, 2010 On the Unified System of Interdepartmental Electronic Interaction.

Appendix to the Procedure for Imposing  
Temporary Restrictions on Agricultural Seed  
Imports into the Russian Federation and (or)  
Additional (Special) Requirements for Varietal  
and Sowing (Planting) Properties of Agricultural  
Seeds Imported into the Russian Federation

**Additional (special) requirements for varietal and sowing (planting) properties of seeds  
imported into the Russian Federation**

<b>Agricultural crop</b>	<b>Seed category</b>	<b>Varietal purity, percentage</b>	<b>Seed purity, percentage</b>	<b>Germination, percentage</b>
Field pea	<b>Original</b>	100	99.5-100	95-100
	<b>Pedigreed (elite seeds)</b>	100	99.5-100	95-100
	<b>Reproduction (for seed purposes)</b>	100	99-100	95-100
	<b>Reproduction (for commercial production)</b>	98-100	98-100	90-100
Buckwheat	<b>Original</b>	not tested	99.5-100	95-100
	<b>Pedigreed (elite seeds)</b>		99-100	95-100
	<b>Reproduction (for seed purposes)</b>		98.5-100	95-100
	<b>Reproduction (for commercial production)</b>		98-100	95-100

	<b>production)</b>			
Chick pea	<b>Original</b>	100	100	95-100
	<b>Pedigreed (elite seeds)</b>	100	100	95-100
	<b>Reproduction (for seed purposes)</b>	99.8-100	99-100	95-100
	<b>Reproduction (for commercial production)</b>	98-100	98.5-100	90-100
Spring oats	<b>Original</b>	99.9-100	99.5-100	95-100
	<b>Pedigreed (elite seeds)</b>	99.9-100	99.5-100	95-100
	<b>Reproduction (for seed purposes)</b>	99-100	99-100	95-100
	<b>Reproduction (for commercial production)</b>	98-100	98-100	90-100
Proso millet	<b>Original</b>	100	100	95-100
	<b>Pedigreed (elite seeds)</b>	100	99-100	95-100
	<b>Reproduction (for seed purposes)</b>	99.8-100	98.5-100	95-100
	<b>Reproduction (for commercial production)</b>	99.5-100	98.5-100	92-100
Soft winter wheat, soft spring wheat,	<b>Original</b>	100	100	95-100
	<b>Pedigreed (elite seeds)</b>	100	100	95-100

hard winter wheat, hard spring wheat	<b>Reproduction (for seed purposes)</b>	99.7-100	99-100	96-100
	<b>Reproduction (for commercial production)</b>	98-100	98-100	92-100
Rice	<b>Original</b>	100	100	95-100
	<b>Pedigreed (elite seeds)</b>	99.8-100	100	95-100
	<b>Reproduction (for seed purposes)</b>	99.5-100	99-100	95-100
	<b>Reproduction (for commercial production)</b>	98-100	98-100	90-100
Winter rye, spring rye	<b>Original</b>	not tested	100	95-100
	<b>Pedigreed (elite seeds)</b>		100	95-100
	<b>Reproduction (for seed purposes)</b>		99-100	95-100
	<b>Reproduction (for commercial production)</b>		98-100	92-100
Winter triticale, spring triticale	<b>Original</b>	100	100	95-100
	<b>Pedigreed (elite seeds)</b>	99.5-100	100	95-100
	<b>Reproduction (for seed purposes)</b>	99.2-100	99-100	95-100
	<b>Reproduction (for commercial production)</b>	98-100	98-100	90-100

	<b>production)</b>			
Lentil	<b>Original</b>	100	100	95-100
	<b>Pedigreed (elite seeds)</b>	100	100	95-100
	<b>Reproduction (for seed purposes)</b>	99.8-100	99-100	95-100
	<b>Reproduction (for commercial production)</b>	98-100	98.5-100	92-100
Winter barley, spring barley	<b>Original</b>	100	100	95-100
	<b>Pedigreed (elite seeds)</b>	100	100	95-100
	<b>Reproduction (for seed purposes)</b>	99-100	99-100	95-100
	<b>Reproduction (for commercial production)</b>	98-100	98-100	92-100
Corn	<b>Original</b>	100	100	95-100
	<b>Pedigreed (elite seeds)</b>	100	100	95-100
	<b>Reproduction (for seed purposes)</b>	99.5-100	99-100	96-100
	<b>Reproduction (for commercial production)</b>	99-100 (100 for varieties and hybrid flocks)	99-100	92-100
Corn parents	<b>First generation</b>	99.9-100 (varietal uniformity)	99.9-100	95-100

<b>hybrid forms</b>	<b>second generation (for male parents)</b>	99.9-100 (varietal uniformity)	99,9-100	95-100
Sunflower	<b>Original</b>	100	100	95-100
	<b>Pedigreed (elite seeds)</b>	100	100	95-100
	<b>Reproduction (for seed purposes)</b>	99.8-100	99-100	90-100
	<b>Reproduction (for commercial production)</b>	99.8-100	99-100	90-100
Sugar beet	<b>Original:</b>			
	harvested	98-100	98-100	85-100
	calibrated	99.5-100	99.5-100	90-100
	<b>Pedigreed (elite seeds):</b>			
	harvested	98-100	98-100	85-100
	calibrated	99.5-100	99.5-100	90-100
Components of sugar beet hybrids	<b>A male sterile form of plants producing sterile pollen and used as a maternal component in crossbreeding (the "MS form"):</b>			
	harvested	98-100	98-100	80-100
	calibrated	99-100	99-100	90-100
	<b>Lines that, when crossed with the MS form, give progeny with sterile pollen:</b>			
	harvested	98-100	98-100	80-100
	calibrated	99-100	99-100	90-100

	<b>The line, one of the crossbreeding components for hybrid production, whose pollen is involved in fertilization:</b>			
	harvested	98-100	98-100	90-100
	calibrated	99-100	99-100	95-100
Table beet	<b>Original</b>	99-100	not tested	
	<b>Pedigreed (elite seeds)</b>	95,3-100	97,3-100	85-100
	<b>Reproduction (first generation)</b>	93-100	98-100	85-100
	<b>Reproduction (second and subsequent generations)</b>		not tested	
Green bean	<b>Original</b>	100	not tested	
	<b>Pedigreed (elite seeds)</b>	100	100	93-100
	<b>Reproduction (first and second generation)</b>	99-100	99.5-100	93-100
	<b>Reproduction (subsequent generations)</b>		not tested	
Onion	<b>Original</b>	99-100	not tested	
	<b>Pedigreed (elite seeds)</b>	98-100	99.5-100	85-100
	<b>Reproduction (first generation)</b>	95-100	99.5-100	85-100
	<b>Reproduction (second generation)</b>		96-100	80-100

	<b>Reproduction (subsequent generations)</b>		not tested	
Carrot	<b>Original</b>	99-100	not tested	
	<b>Pedigreed (elite seeds)</b>	98-100	95,5-100	83-100
	<b>Reproduction (first generation)</b>	86-100	95,5-100	83-100
	<b>Reproduction (second generation)</b>		91,0-100	70-100
	<b>Reproduction (subsequent generations)</b>		not tested	
Tomato	<b>Original</b>	99,5-100	not tested	
	<b>Pedigreed (elite seeds)</b>	99-100	99,5-100	95-100
	<b>Reproduction (first generation)</b>	99-100	98-100	90-100
	<b>Reproduction (subsequent generations)</b>		not tested	
Sweet pepper	<b>Original</b>	100	not tested	
	<b>Pedigreed (elite seeds)</b>	100	100	93-100
	<b>Reproduction (first generation)</b>	99-100	99.5-100	90-100
	<b>Reproduction (subsequent generations)</b>		not tested	
Cucumber	<b>Original</b>	99,2-100	not tested	
	<b>Pedigreed (elite seeds)</b>	98,2-100	99.5-100	95-100

	<b>Reproduction (first generation)</b>	95-100	99.5-100	93-100
	<b>Reproduction (second generation)</b>		97-100	85-100
	<b>Reproduction (subsequent generations)</b>		not tested	
White cabbage	<b>Original</b>	99,5-100	not tested	
	<b>Pedigreed (elite seeds)</b>	98-100	98.5-100	95-100
	<b>Reproduction (first generation)</b>	95-100	96-100	90-100
	<b>Reproduction (subsequent generations)</b>		not tested	
Winter camelina, spring camelina	<b>Original</b>	99,8-100	98.5-100	90-100
	<b>Pedigreed (elite seeds)</b>	99,8-100	98.5-100	88-100
	<b>Reproduction (for seed purposes)</b>	not tested		
	<b>Reproduction (for commercial production)</b>	99-100	93-100	88-100
Hemp	<b>Original</b>	99,7-100	98.5-100	95-100
	<b>Pedigreed (elite seeds)</b>	99,2-100	98.5-100	95-100
	<b>Reproduction (for seed purposes)</b>	96-100	98-100	93-100
	<b>Reproduction (for commercial)</b>	96-100	98-100	83-100

	<b>production)</b>			
Blue poppy	<b>Original</b>	100	99.5-100	93-100
	<b>Pedigreed (elite seeds)</b>	100	99.5-100	93-100
	<b>Reproduction (for seed purposes)</b>	100	99-100	93-100
	<b>Reproduction (for commercial production)</b>	98-100	97-100	93-100
Oil flax	<b>Original</b>	99.8-100	98.5-100	93-100
	<b>Pedigreed (elite seeds)</b>	99.8-100	98.5-100	93-100
	<b>Reproduction (for seed purposes)</b>	99-100	98-100	90-100
	<b>Reproduction (for commercial production)</b>	99-100	99-100	85-100
Fiber flax	<b>Original</b>	100	99.5-100	95-100
	<b>Pedigreed (elite seeds)</b>	100	99.5-100	95-100
	<b>Reproduction (for seed purposes)</b>	96-100	99-100	90-100
	<b>Reproduction (for commercial production)</b>	93-100	98-100	90-100
Winter rape	<b>Original</b>	99.8-100	98.5-100	95-100
	<b>Pedigreed (elite seeds)</b>	99.8-100	98.5-100	95-100
	<b>Reproduction</b>	99-100	97-100	90-100

	<b>(for seed purposes)</b>			
	<b>Reproduction (for commercial production)</b>	99-100	97-100	90-100
Spring rape	<b>Original</b>	99.8-100	97.5-100	89-100
	<b>Pedigreed (elite seeds)</b>	99.8-100	97.5-100	89-100
	<b>Reproduction (for seed purposes)</b>	99-100	97-100	85-100
	<b>Reproduction (for commercial production)</b>	99-100	97-100	85-100
Soy	<b>Original</b>	99.7-100	98.5-100	90-100
	<b>Pedigreed (elite seeds)</b>	99.7-100	98.5-100	90-100
	<b>Reproduction (for seed purposes)</b>	99.5-100	97-100	87-100
	<b>Reproduction (for commercial production)</b>	99-100	96-100	87-100
<b>Agricultural crop</b>	<b>Agricultural seeds varietal and sowing property factors</b>	<b>Seed category</b>		
		<b>Original</b>	<b>Pedigreed (elite seeds)</b>	<b>Reproduction</b>
	Soil and foreign matter, percentage	1.5-2	1.5-2	1.5-2

Potatoes (tubers)	Tubers inadequate in size, percentage	2-3	2-3	2-3
	Tubers of other botanical varieties, percentage	0	0	0.2-0.5
	Ring-rot-infected tubers, percentage	0	0	0.2-0.5
	Stem nematode infected tubers, percentage	0	0	0.2-0.5
	Tubers with rust spots and pulp darkening (where more than 1/4 of tuber longitudinal cut is affected), percentage	2-5	2-5	2-5
	Tubers with more than 5 mm deep and more than 10 mm long mechanical damages (scratches, tear-outs, cracks, and bruising of tuber tissues), percentage	1-2	1-2	1-2

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