



ESTA CERTIFICATION SERVICES

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The European Seed Association (ESA) has developed the European Seed Treatment Assurance (ESTA) Standard to guarantee high quality seed treatment that meets the requirements defined by legislators and industry.

ESTA certification verifies good practice across the whole seed treatment production process: from testing the stability of the treatment recipe through to the packaging and storage of treated seeds.

In addition to the need to define responsibilities and implement a quality management system, the Standard demands compliance with seed treatment specific criteria including for example:

- Use of an aspiration system.
- Seed treatment process monitoring.
- Definition and observance of crop-specific criteria on seed moisture and cleanliness.
- Seed sample tests on dust level.

Seed treatment certification is already available for maize, oil seed rape, sugar beet and sunflower. Cereals and field-sown vegetables will be developed in 2013.



SGS ACCREDITATION

SGS is accredited as an independent certification body by ESA to audit and certify seed treatment plants against the ESTA Standard. We provide audit and certification services in all countries where ESTA certification is applicable, as well as information on the Standard's criteria.

SGS was involved in pilot audits and discussions during the set up of ESTA and can share this experience with clients to help them meet the Standard's requirements. Our expert auditors are trained to cover this specialist scheme and contribute to skilled audits and subsequent certification of seed treatment plants.

THE ESTA CERTIFICATION PROCESS

- Contact SGS for further information about your certification options.
- We provide you with a detailed proposal and a step-by step guide to follow.
- In preparation for the certification audit, we can offer you a pre-audit.
- On compliance with the ESTA checklist, you will receive your certificate.
- Contact ESA to use the ESTA logo on your products.

Companies, who achieve certification and have signed a licence agreement with ESA, are allowed to use the ESTA logo. This logo, in the form of a protected trademark, demonstrates the development and use of an appropriate and environmentally friendly seed treatment.

Our global auditor network can perform combined audits together with other applicable certifications on request. This reduces duplication of effort, saving clients time and money. Contact us for more information about other audits that we can perform.

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