

"Further strengthening of capacities of phytosanitary sector in the fields of plant protection products, plant health and seeds and seedlings, including phytosanitary laboratories and phytosanitary inspections"

(TWINNING BA/12/IB/AG 01)

Component 3: Seeds and propagation materials

Introduction to Quality Management

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QUALITY: degree to which a set of inherent (= existing, permanent) characteristic of an object fulfils a set of requirements. Object: a product or a service.

QUALITY MANAGEMENT: activities used by the lab to direct, control, coordinate quality (Q-policy, Q-objectives, Q-planning, Q-control, Q-assurance, Q-improvement).

(source: ISO 9000 definitions)



QUALITY MANAGEMENT: activities used by the lab to direct, control, coordinate quality. Part of Q-management are:

<u>Q-planning</u>: setting Q-objectives, processes and resources

Q-control: checking how Q-requirements are fulfilled

<u>Q-assurance</u>: preventing errors and defect; providing confidence that quality requirements are fulfilled

<u>Q-improvement</u>: increasing the ability to fulfill quality requirements



Introduction to Quality Management what is "QUALITY ASSURANCE"?

QUALITY ASSURANCE: activities used to prevent errors and defect and to <u>provide</u> <u>confidence that quality requirements are fulfilled.</u>

WHICH REQUIREMENTS?

Reliability of results

Costs

Time

Confidentiality

Courtesy

Professionalism

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TO WHOM?

The client

The parent organization

The Ministry

The lab staff

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REQUIREMENTS MAY BE STATED OR IMPLIED!



Introduction to Quality Management "QUALITY MANAGEMENT": BASIC CONCEPTS

CONTROL OF THE PRODUCT

CONTROL OF THE PROCESS

- → DIFFICULT TO ACHIEVE ON THE WHOLE PRODUCTION
- **→** LOW EFFICACY
- → DIFFICULT STANDARDIZATION
- **→** EXPENSIVE

- → CONCERNING THE WHOLE PRODUCTION
- → HIGHER EFFICACY
- → EASIER STANDARDIZATION
- → LESS EXPENSIVE



Introduction to Quality Management "QUALITY MANAGEMENT": BASIC CONCEPTS

THE LABORATORY RECEIVES A CUSTOMER COMPLAINT: MY SEED LOT HAS A MUCH HIGHER GERMINATION!!



How to convince the customer that your results are reliable? By process control: you can go back from the certificate to the sampling and demonstrate that your process is under control!



QUALITY IN SEED TESTING: THE TEST RESULT ARE RELIABLE.
IT DOESN'T ALWAYS MEAN GOOD QUALITY SEED!



"QUALITY MANAGEMENT": BASIC CONCEPTS



OUTWARD:

- Facilitate standardization of methods, materials, products at international level
- Facilitate reproducibility
- Harmonize the quality of the product in a globalized market
- Facilitate the international seed trade
- Ensure costumer protection and satisfaction

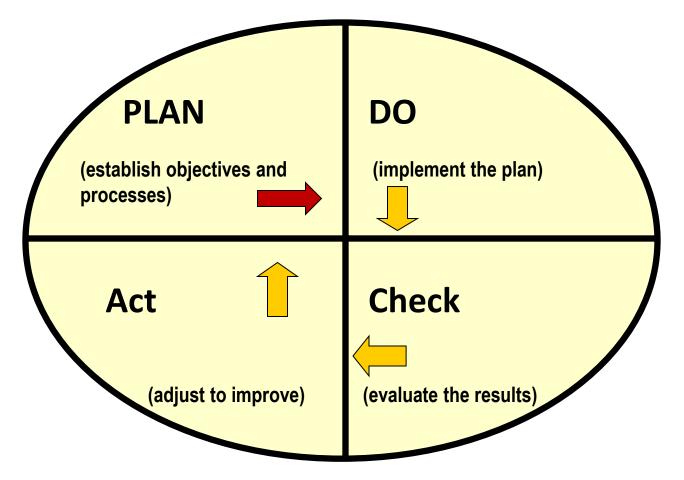
INWARD:

- Ensure safe actions
- Make the work more interesting
- Improve competitiveness and brand image
- Reduce errors and complaints
- Provide the laboratory staff with more satisfaction and professionalism, lower level of stress



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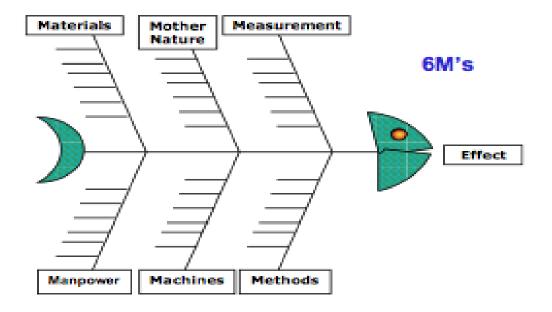
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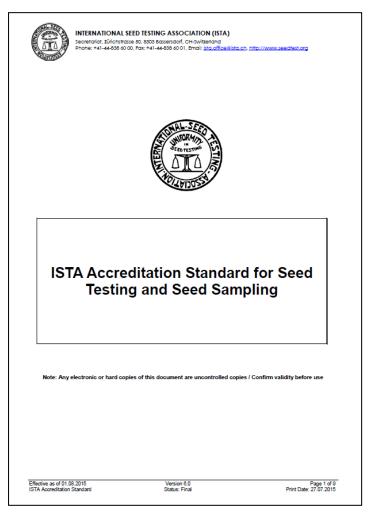
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Introduction to Quality Management: Accreditation Standards





ISTA

ISO/IEC 17025



ISTA Accreditation



SCOPE OF ACCREDITATION:

- a) methods from the actual ISTA Rules
- Sampling (chapter 2)
- Purity and OSD (chapters 3, 4)
- Germination (chapter 5)
- Moisture determination (chapter 9)
- Others ...
- b) Performance approved methods
- GMO testing

SPECIES selected from the lists in the actual ISTA Rules:

- Agricultural and vegetable seeds (Table 2A part 1)
- Tree and shrub seeds (Table 2A part 2)
- Flower,, spice, herb, medicinal species (Table 2A part 3)





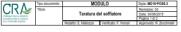
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A QUALITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM MUST BE DOCUMENTED:

- To show it complies with defined standards
- -To show it fulfills other requirements (e.g. National/International regulations and laws, regulations issued by the parent organization, its own requirements)
- -To describe the Quality policies of the laboratory
- -To describe objectives and activities of the laboratory
- -To provide the customers/stakeholders with evidences
- -To ensure confidence in their own work to the staff

QUALITY DOCUMENTS CAN BE IN ELECTRONIC FORMAT!!

(provided that they are protected, controlled and backed up)





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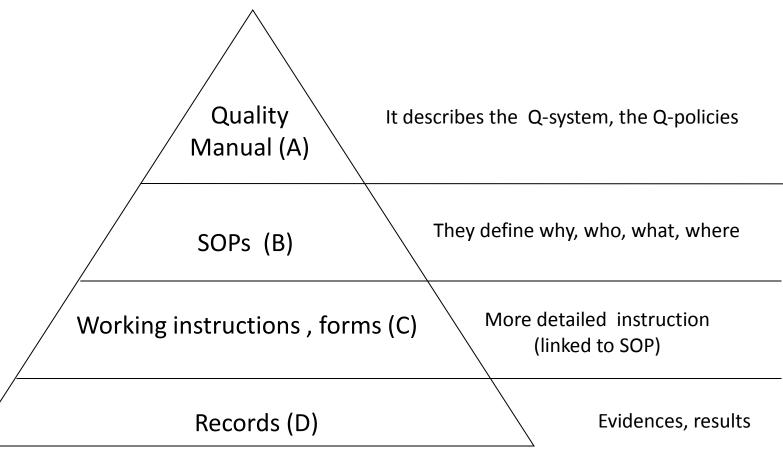
- Approved before the use
- Controlled (i.e. document and revision uniquely identified, page X of Y, dated, issuing authority stated)
- Available when and where necessary
- Regularly reviewed and updated
- If invalid or obsolete, promptly removed and marked
- Listed in a master list

Document control applies to external documents as well





Quality documents are organized in four levels:





Introduction to Quality Management QUALITY MANUAL

Purpose

- Define and communicate Q-policies
- Describe the Q-management system
- Provide the staff with information relevant for their work
- Provide information for other stakeholders (e.g. customers, auditors)

General structure

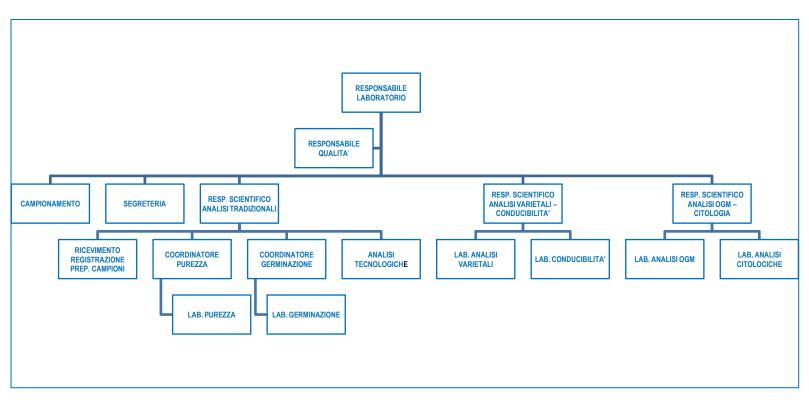
- Cover page
- List of contents
- Parent organization chart, position of the lab
- Internal organization, definition of responsibilities
- Q-policies, objectives
- Compliance with accreditation standard
- Internal/External reference documents



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LABORATORY ORGANIZATION: EXAMPLE OF AN INTERNAL ORGANIZATIONAL CHART





JOB DESCRIPTION

There must be a job description for each staff member and sampler.

It should include:

- Key tasks
- Required level of education
- Training
- Technical knowledge
- Experience





STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE (SOP)

SOPs describe the operations that must be implemented for a defined purpose and scope. SOPs cover all the activities carried out by the laboratory for technical purposes (e.g. practical implementation of sampling and testing methods, calibration of equipment) and in the framework of the quality assurance system (e.g. staff training and verification, management review, evaluation of suppliers).

They must define

- -Purpose and scope
- -References
- -Responsibilities
- -Materials
- -Procedures (where applicable)

A distribution list need to be available

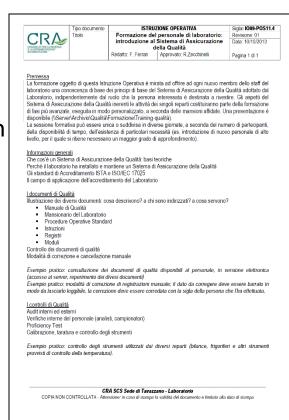




WORKING INSTRUCTIONS

They describe activities in detail.

They are linked to a document (usually an SOP).





FORMS

They are used, to collect and keep records (signatures, data, evidences, results, reports..)

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EACH MISTAKE MUST BE CROSSED OUT, NOT ERASED OR MADE ILLEGIBLE OR DELETED. THE CORRECTED VALUE MUST BE ENETERED ALONGSIDE. THE ALTERATION MUST BE SIGNED OR INITIALLED BY THE PERSON MAKING THE CORRECTION AND MUST BE DONE USING AN INERASABLE PEN.

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