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Report Highlights:

Ukraine waived an obligatory requirement for 2-year field testing for all plant varieties that have already been registered in the EU or U.S.

On June 10, 2023, a new law to simplify the registration of new plant varieties came into force. The full title is the Law of Ukraine “On the introduction of amendments to some legislative acts of Ukraine on bringing the legislation in the field of protection of rights to plant varieties and seed production and nurseries into compliance with the provisions of the legislation of the European Union” ([in Ukrainian](#)).

The new law allows for a simplified procedure for the State registration of conventional plant varieties already registered in the U.S. or the EU. It means skipping a two-year-long compliance procedure, which includes field tests for researching the variety, uniformity, and stability of a plant variety submitted for state registration, which is paid for by a crop variety owner and performed by local accredited enterprises.

From now on, the competent authority in Ukraine is tasked with monitoring and receiving data from the [EU database of registered plant varieties](#) and from the [International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants](#). If a plant variety that has already been submitted for registration is found in one of these registries, the competent authority has 15 days to consider the application and register this plant variety or provide arguments why it cannot be registered.

Post believes this will increase competition in the Ukrainian seed market (see Table 1), allowing for a wider array of choices for farmers. In practical terms, it significantly reduces the “entry fee” (financial resources and time delay) for a seed company to bring its plant varieties previously registered in the United States or the EU to the local market. Potentially, it might pave the way for small and medium U.S. companies to sell their products to Ukraine. However, Post highly recommends establishing contact with a local seed distributor and discussing all the details before launching the actual registration process and subsequent import of seeds.

Table 1: Annual Value Seed Imports to Ukraine

HS Code		1000 USD				
		2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
	Total	196,061.4	188,943.0	165,968.9	157,021.9	119,583.0
100510	corn (maize) seed, certified, excluding sweet corn	141,700.1	131,704.5	103,938.0	88,242.2	70,492.0
120910	sugar beet seeds of a kind used for sowing	18,361.1	18,291.7	18,299.9	23,156.4	22,963.8
120991	vegetable seeds for sowing	23,070.1	25,837.8	30,896.7	29,315.2	19,339.5
120929	seeds of forage plants for sowing, nesoi	1,841.7	2,871.6	2,414.7	2,666.0	2,363.6
120770	melon seeds	313.0	1,709.4	1,971.1	2,214.1	910.4
120999	seeds, fruit and spores, of a kind used for sowing, nesoi	1,705.7	842.3	600.3	982.5	575.1
100191	wheat and meslin seed, not durum wheat seed	2,430.0	1,787.4	1,795.6	2,091.6	568.9
120110	soybean seed	2,312.4	1,999.0	1,003.0	1,172.0	417.6
120930	seeds of herbaceous plants cultivated principally for their flowers, for sowing	344.6	429.4	786.8	834.0	390.5
120925	rye grass (lolium multiflorum lam., lolium perenne l.) seeds of a kind used for sowing	301.6	246.1	506.7	691.9	325.6
100710	grain sorghum seed	1,158.4	764.0	782.9	1,600.4	275.6
120921	alfalfa (lucerne) seeds of a kind used for sowing	230.1	239.0	289.7	170.0	255.1
100210	rye seed	662.0	617.5	1,090.9	2,323.6	243.6
100310	barley seed	1,032.6	773.4	801.2	542.6	230.8
120923	fescue seeds of a kind used for sowing	244.4	513.8	358.7	436.1	107.9
120924	kentucky blue grass (poa pratensis l.) seeds of a kind used for sowing	303.9	231.6	300.9	307.1	77.4
120922	clover (trifolium spp.) seeds of a kind used for sowing	34.6	73.9	102.1	170.5	23.5
100410	oats seed	0.1	0.0	26.3	46.4	15.3
100111	durum wheat seed	15.3	8.8	3.3	10.0	6.7
100821	millet seed	0.0	0.0	0.2	49.0	0.0
120230	peanut seed	0.0	1.8	0.0	0.0	0.0

Attachments:

No Attachments.