



MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT SEEDS AND PLANT VARIETIES (VEGETATIVELY PROPAGATING SEEDS) REGULATIONS, 2023 AND DRAFT REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT

The Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development is in the process of gazetting the draft Seeds and Plant Varieties (Vegetatively Propagating Seeds) Regulations, 2023 as provided for under Section 3 of the Seeds and Plant Varieties Act (Cap 326 of the Laws of Kenya).

The main objective of the Draft Regulations is to guide the development, promotion and regulation of Vegetatively Propagating Seeds for the benefit of the growers and other stakeholders in the Vegetatively Propagating Seeds sub-sector. The Regulatory Impact Statement contains independent detailed cost-benefit analysis, regulatory impact and related information on the draft Seeds and Plant Varieties (Vegetatively Propagating Seeds) Regulations, 2023.

The Constitution of Kenya, 2010 and the Statutory Instruments Act, 2013 require the public to participate in the decision-making process through the submission of comments on Government draft policies, draft Bills and Regulations before they are published for implementation. In compliance with these provisions, Section 3 of the Seeds and Plant Varieties Act (Cap 326), and the Statutory Instruments Act (No. 23 of 2013), the Ministry announces to the public the availability of the draft Seeds and Plant Varieties (Vegetatively Propagating Seeds) Regulations, 2023 and draft Regulatory Impact Statement for scrutiny and feedback by way of comments.

All interested persons should submit written comments on the Seeds and Plant Varieties (Vegetatively Propagating Seeds) Regulations, 2023 and the draft Regulatory Impact Statement using the public comments form, to reach the undersigned not later than fourteen (14) days from the date of publication of this notice.

The following documents to facilitate public scrutiny and enable stakeholder feedback are available and can be accessed through the Ministry website: www.kilimo.go.ke and the Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate Service website: www.kephis.org/

- (1) Seeds and Plant Varieties (Vegetatively Propagating Seeds) Regulations, 2023;
- (2) Draft Regulatory Impact Statement; and
- (3) Public comments/feedback Form.

Duly filled comments/feedback forms may also be submitted back via the following address:

**The Principal Secretary,
State Department for Agriculture
Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development,
Kilimo House, Cathedral Road,
P.o Box 30028,Nairobi.**

Or by e-mail: directorpolicy@kilimo.go.ke and cdaprincipalsecretary@kilimo.go.ke

There shall be held a public forum on **Wednesday, 6th December 2023** for selected and invited stakeholder representatives in Nairobi to discuss and validate the draft Seeds and Plant Varieties (Vegetatively Propagating Seeds) Regulations, 2023.

**HON. MITHIKA LINTURI,
CABINET SECRETARY**