



## ABSTRACT

Agriculture – Department of Seed Certification and Organic Certification – Fixing analytical fee for testing the seed sample and issue of Orange International Certificate and Blue International Certificate by the Seed Testing Laboratory, Coimbatore –Orders – Issued.

### Agriculture (AP2) Department

G.O. (Ms) No.225.

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Read:

1. From the Director of Seed Certification and Organic Certification, Letter No.C1/22665/2014, dated 3.12.2014, 5.2.2015, 28.9.2015 and 15.12.2015.
2. Government Letter No. 31935/AP2/2014-1, Agriculture (AP2) Department, dated 31.12.2014 and 2.11.2015.

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### ORDER:

In his letters first read above, the Director of Seed Certification and Organic Certification has informed that during 2014, Seed Testing Laboratory, Coimbatore attained the accreditation of the International Seed Testing Association (ISTA). By attaining the International Seed Testing Association (ISTA) accreditation, the Seed Testing Laboratory, Coimbatore has become eligible to perform seed testing and to issue Orange International Certificates (OIC) and Blue International Certificates (BIC) to the seed lots which are eligible for export to various countries. The Orange International Certificate is issued for the samples that are drawn by the same accredited lab and tested by the same accredited lab. The Blue International Certificate is issued for the samples that are submitted to the accredited lab by the exporter or any other producer of seed intended for export. The sampling is not done by the accredited lab doing the testing but by some other accredited lab. A separate seed testing fee has to be fixed for the seed samples which are tested at the Seed Testing Laboratory, Coimbatore under the International Seed Testing Association (ISTA) accreditation. He has, therefore, requested the Government to approve the analytical fee of Rs.4000/- for testing and issue of Orange International Certificate (OIC) and Rs.2000/- for testing and issue of Blue International Certificate (BIC) as seed testing fees for seed samples received and tested under the International Seed Testing Association (ISTA) by the International Seed Testing Association (ISTA) accredited Seed Testing Laboratory, Coimbatore. He has further stated that the above fee structure has been proposed taking into consideration the expenditure incurred in use of the precision equipments and application of longer meticulous hours to analyze the seed samples by the Agricultural Officers in line with the International Seed Testing Association (ISTA) Rules and Standards to ascertain the quality of seed intended for exports from India.

2. The Government, after careful examination, accept the above proposal of the Director of Seed Certification and Organic Certification and accordingly fix the analytical fee of Rs.4000/- (Rupees Four Thousand only) for testing and issue of Orange International Certificate (OIC) and Rs.2000/- (Rupees Two Thousand only) for testing

