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Seed Treatment Working Group

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Main Purposes of STWG

- **Facilitate Treated Seed Trade across the Americas**
- **Promote safe use of Seed Applied Technology**

Regulatory Activities

- Identification and Contact Info of the Regulatory Agencies from each Country in the Americas
 - Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, El Salvador, Honduras, México, Peru
- Questionnaire regarding Seed Trade, Regulatory and Labeling Information
 - Argentina, Brazil, Chile, México : Completed
 - Biggest Challenge come from Non Member Countries (Caribbean and Andean Countries)
 - Need Info from US and Canada

Questionnaire Preliminary Outcomes

- Main Crops Being Moved Across Countries :
 - Corn and Sorghum
 - Small Seeded and Large Seeded Vegetables
 - Oilseeds (mainly Soy and Canola)
 - Grass and Legume Forage Seed
 - Small Grains
- Phytosanitary Requirements are listed for each Reporting Country, with detailed info through Links to the Agencies' Websites
- Labeling of Seed Applied Technologies, overall is not a requirement in most reporting Countries. The majority of requirements are for the Phytosanitary Documentation

Next Steps on Regulatory Activities

- Complete Questionnaires from all Member Countries
- Reach out to Non Member Countries to also Complete Questionnaire, or at least gather some Relevant Info on Movement of Treated Seed
- Based on Labeling Regulation Outcomes, the Group should construct a recommendation for a Grower Friendly Standardized Labeling
- Continue building Data Base with all information collected and make it available to SAA Members through the Association's Website

Seed, Seed Treatment and Treated Seed Handling Guides and Training Materials

- Leveraging on existing Guides and Training Courses available through the Industry (ie. ISF, ASTA)
- Translation to Spanish and Portuguese of these materials
- Leverage Industry Resources and Training Centers available throughout the Americas
- Engage Local Seed Associations and their members to make the most of all these materials
- Differentiate and promote the use of Treated Certified Seed across all Crops and Countries

More activities for 2015 and beyond

- Based on List of Main Crops' Seed being moved across countries, will help us Create the Following Data base :
 - Brand Names, Doses and Als registered across the Americas
 - List of Seed Applied Technology Providers in each Country
 - Seed Applied Technology Provider Contact Info
- Continuous review of these Data Basis is required, to keep up with the Industry's Dynamics

Thank you for your attention!



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