

Law No. 25 of 2010 Promulgating the Law (Regulation) Concerning Seeds, Seed Tubers and Seedlings in the States of the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf (GCC)

• Article 1 Introduction

The provisions of the Law (Regulation) on Seeds, Seed Tubers and Seedlings of the States of the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf (GCC) enclosed herewith shall be applicable.

• Article 2 Introduction

In implementing the provisions of this enclosed Law (Regulation), “the Ministry” means the Ministry of Environment, “the Minister” means the Minister of Environment, and “the competent authority” means the Agriculture Affairs Department of the Ministry of Environment.

• Article 3 Introduction

The staff of the Ministry of Environment, by a decision of the Public Prosecutor in agreement with the Minister of Environment, shall have the capacity of judicial enforcement officers in relation to offences committed in violation of the provisions of this enclosed Law (Regulation), and they shall have in particular the following powers:

1. To enter and inspect all places in which the propagation, production or handling of seeds or seedlings is conducted; to record the results of the inspection; and, where necessary, to take legal action on any irregularities.
2. To review the records and documents relating to the propagation, production or handling of seeds and seedlings.
3. To take samples of seeds or seedlings and to verify their compliance with the required standards, requirements and specifications.
4. To control materials suspected of non-compliance with the standards, requirements and specifications and to reserve them temporarily according to the stipulated legal procedures.

• Article 4 Introduction

1. Without prejudice to any greater penalty provided by another Law, any person convicted of violating the provisions of Articles 5, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13 and 14 of this enclosed Law (Regulation) shall be sentenced to imprisonment of not more than one year, or to a fine of not less than ten thousand (10,000) Riyals and not more than twenty thousand (20,000) Riyals, or to both.
2. The court shall order the confiscation of any seeds or seedlings involved in such violations, as the case may be.

• Article 5 Introduction

1. Without prejudice to any greater penalty provided by another Law, a fine of not less than one thousand

(1000) Riyals and not more than five thousand (5000) Riyals shall be imposed on any person convicted of:

a. Knowingly planting varieties of seeds or seedlings that are not adopted by the Minister of Environment in accordance with Article 11 of this enclosed Law (Regulation).

b. Knowingly bringing into the State and planting any toxic or narcotic seeds or seedlings of plant species determined by a decision issued by the Minister of Environment in accordance with Article 15 of this enclosed Law (Regulation).

c. Knowingly circulating any species or variety of seeds or seedlings whose handling is banned under the decision issued by the Minister of Environment in accordance with Article 16 of this enclosed Law (Regulation).

2. The court shall order the confiscation of any seeds or seedlings involved in such violations, as the case may be.

- **Article 6 Introduction**

All due and payable fees shall be determined in accordance with the provisions of this enclosed Law (Regulation) attached to a decision of the Minister of Environment.

- **Article 7 Introduction**

The Minister of Environment shall issue the Bylaws of this enclosed Law (Regulation) and the decisions necessary for their implementation. Until such decisions are issued, the decisions currently in force shall continue to be applied without contradicting the provisions of this Law.

- **Article 8 Introduction**

Any provision that violates the provisions of this Law and the enclosed Law (Regulation) shall be rescinded.

- **Article 9 Introduction**

All competent authorities, each in their respective jurisdiction, shall enforce this Law which shall be published in the Official Gazette.

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Chapter One: General Provisions and Definitions

- **Article 1**

This Law (Regulation) shall be called the Law (Regulation) on Seeds, Seed Tubers and Seedlings of the States of the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf (GCC) and shall aim at regulating the handling of Seeds, Seed Tubers and Seedlings within such States.