

# HANDLING SEEDS

## NEVER HAVE 2 PACKAGES OPEN AT ONCE

ANY ACCIDENTAL MIXING OR CONTAMINATION OF SEED LINES IS A DISASTER

### SEED IMPORT TESTING PROTOCOLS SHOULD INCLUDE:

- Always ensure testing equipment is clean of seeds prior to inspection (Pic1)
- Only ever have one package of seed open at any time (Pic2)
- Always ensure that seed is returned to same package from which it was taken (Pic3)
- Always ensure that package is resealed and leak proof before opening the next package (Pic4)
- Place all tags inside the package and ensure external identification is still visible
- Always check sampling equipment is clean and free of seeds between samples (Pic5)
- Clean the tray between seed tests
- Always return package to its original location in a consignment to avoid mixing of seed lines
- If ANY loose seed is found when the consignment is opened immediately advise importer and do not attempt to repackage.



Pic1



Pic2



Pic3



Pic4



Pic5



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