

CSGA Standards Development

As Canada's national seed crop certification authority, CSGA establishes and maintains seed crop certification standards for all agricultural crop kinds, except potatoes.

OUR PRINCIPLES

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Science-Based
 Standards are based on scientific analysis of reliable research and data.

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Multi-Stakeholder Participation
 CSGA standards are developed by the seed sector for the seed sector. Our independent committees include growers, companies, inspectors, analysts, end users and government representatives.

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Transparent & Accessible
 The process for the development and maintenance of standards is clear. Standards are readily available to the seed sector.

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Timely Access
 Standards are developed in a timely manner and support the competitiveness of the Canadian seed sector.

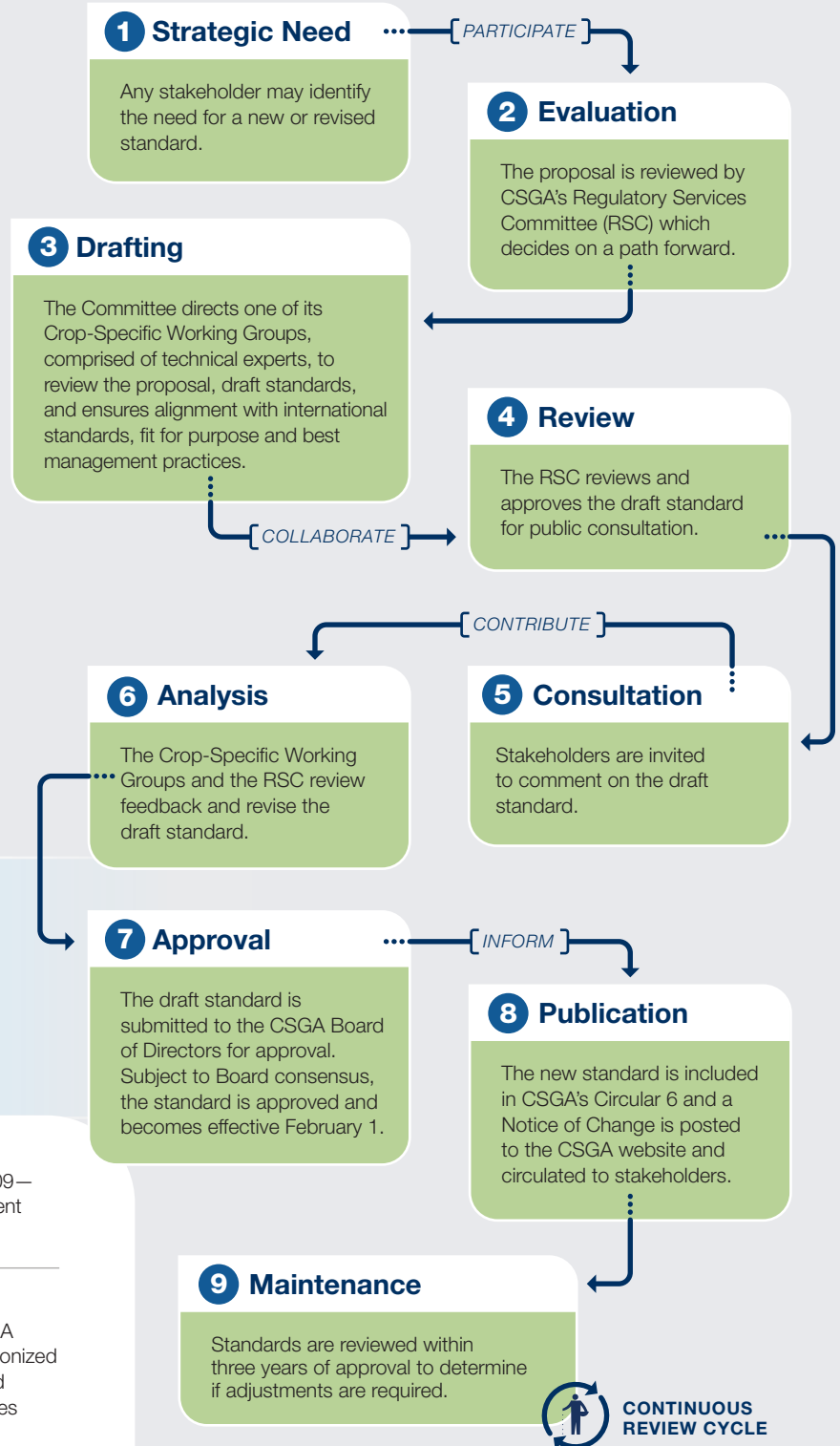
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No Crop Kind Left Behind
 The standards development process supports all crop kinds, including new, innovative, and niche crops.

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Consensus-Based
 Sector consultation is an essential element of standard development and maintenance.

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Incorporate New Technology
 Technology is used to streamline, create new opportunities while upholding the integrity and credibility of the system.

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Circular 6
 The *Canadian Regulations and Procedures for Pedigreed Seed Crop Production (Circular 6)* establishes the requirements a seed grower and a seed crop must meet for seed crop certification. CSGA has delegated authority under Canada's *Seeds Act* and *Seed Regulations* to establish standards for varietal purity and to determine the varietal purity of seed crops.

OUR PROCESS



Accreditation

CSGA has been ISO 9001:2015 accredited since 2009—a testament to CSGA's desire for continual improvement and quality control across the organization.



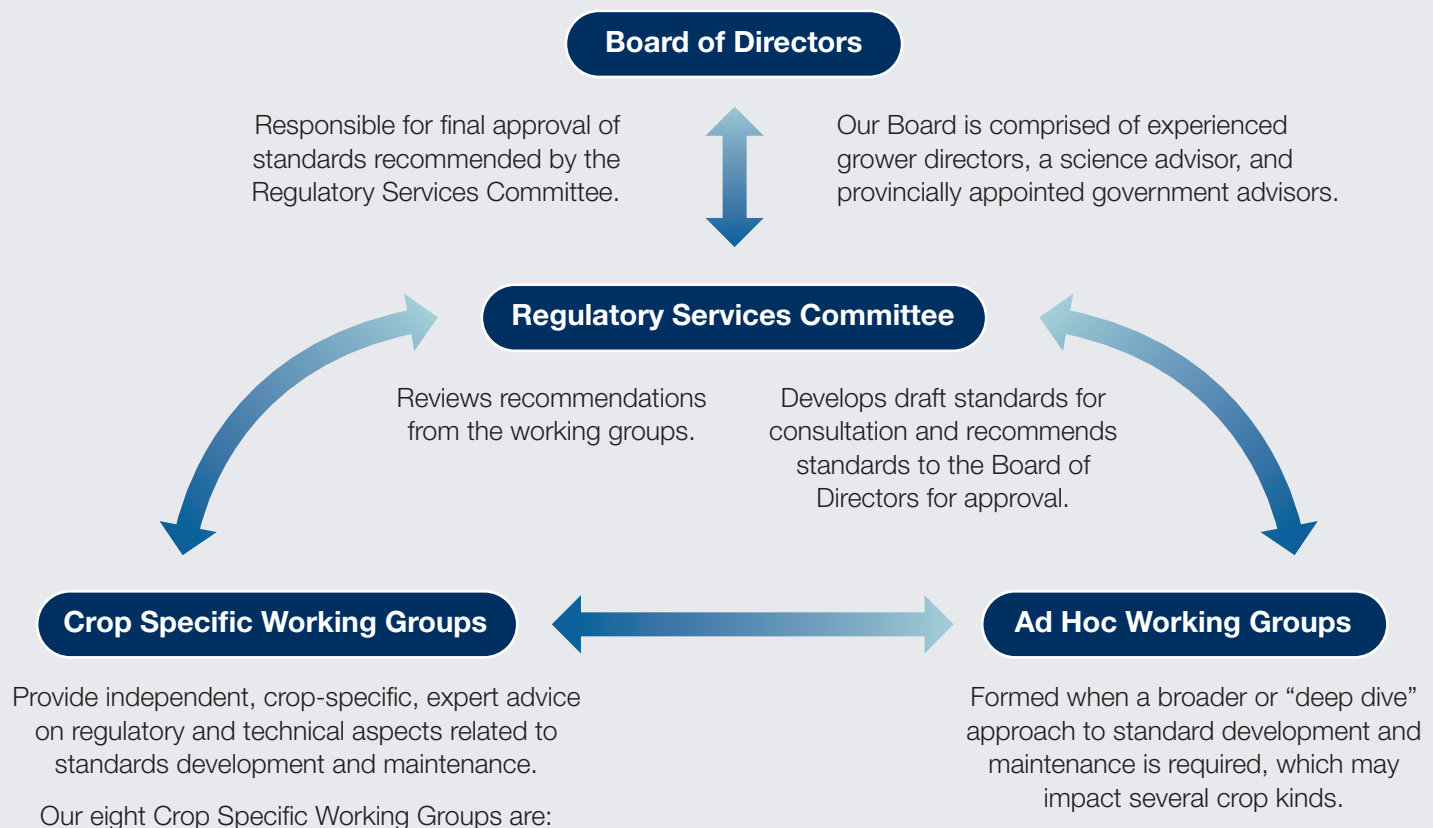
International Harmonization

Recognizing Canada's reliance on global trade, CSGA ensures Canada's standards are internationally harmonized and competitive. CSGA supports the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) at the OECD Seed Schemes and represents Canada at AOSCA.



CSGA Framework for Developing Standards

CSGA's robust standards development process ensures that Canadian pedigreed seed production requirements and standards are science-based, stakeholder consulted, trusted, transparent, and internationally competitive.



- Canola**
- Hemp**
- Cereal**
- Mustard**
- Corn**
- Pulses**
- Forage and Turf**
- Soybeans**

Who They Are

Our Regulatory Services Committee and Crop Specific Working Groups are comprised of technical experts, including seed growers, seed companies, variety developers, plant breeders, seed analysts, seed crop inspectors, the CFIA, and provincial government representatives.



Get involved!

CSGA is always looking for subject matter experts to volunteer for our working groups and provide feedback during our consultations.

Your participation helps bring transparency, trust, and diverse perspectives to the CSGA framework for developing standards.