

## China launches National inspection to ensure quality of spring seeds

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A nationwide seed market inspection has been announced by the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs of China to combat illegal moves including counterfeit, substandard, and trademark-infringing seeds.

A key objective of this initiative is to ensure that seeds used in spring agricultural production are safe and to increase grain and oil crop yields.

Among the crops that will be inspected are corn, soybeans, rice, potatoes, and other vegetables. Targeting counterfeit and substandard products, trademark infringement, and unlicensed production and sale, authorities plan to intensify random checks on seed markets and retail outlets.

A regulatory framework will be developed for platforms that sell seeds online. As part of this process, online seed sellers must undergo strict reviews of their business licenses, production licenses, and sales records to ensure a clean and trustworthy environment for online seed sales.

As part of the ministry's efforts to oversee and guide these inspections across the country, this year it sent out seven task forces to key agricultural regions across the country.

In addition to on-site supervision and enforcement, these teams will also be responsible for investigating and penalizing illegal activities in the seed industry through rigorous investigations and investigations.

According to the ministry, their efforts will ensure the safety of seeds for spring production by preventing substandard seeds from entering the market and thus preventing the entry of substandard seeds onto the market.