

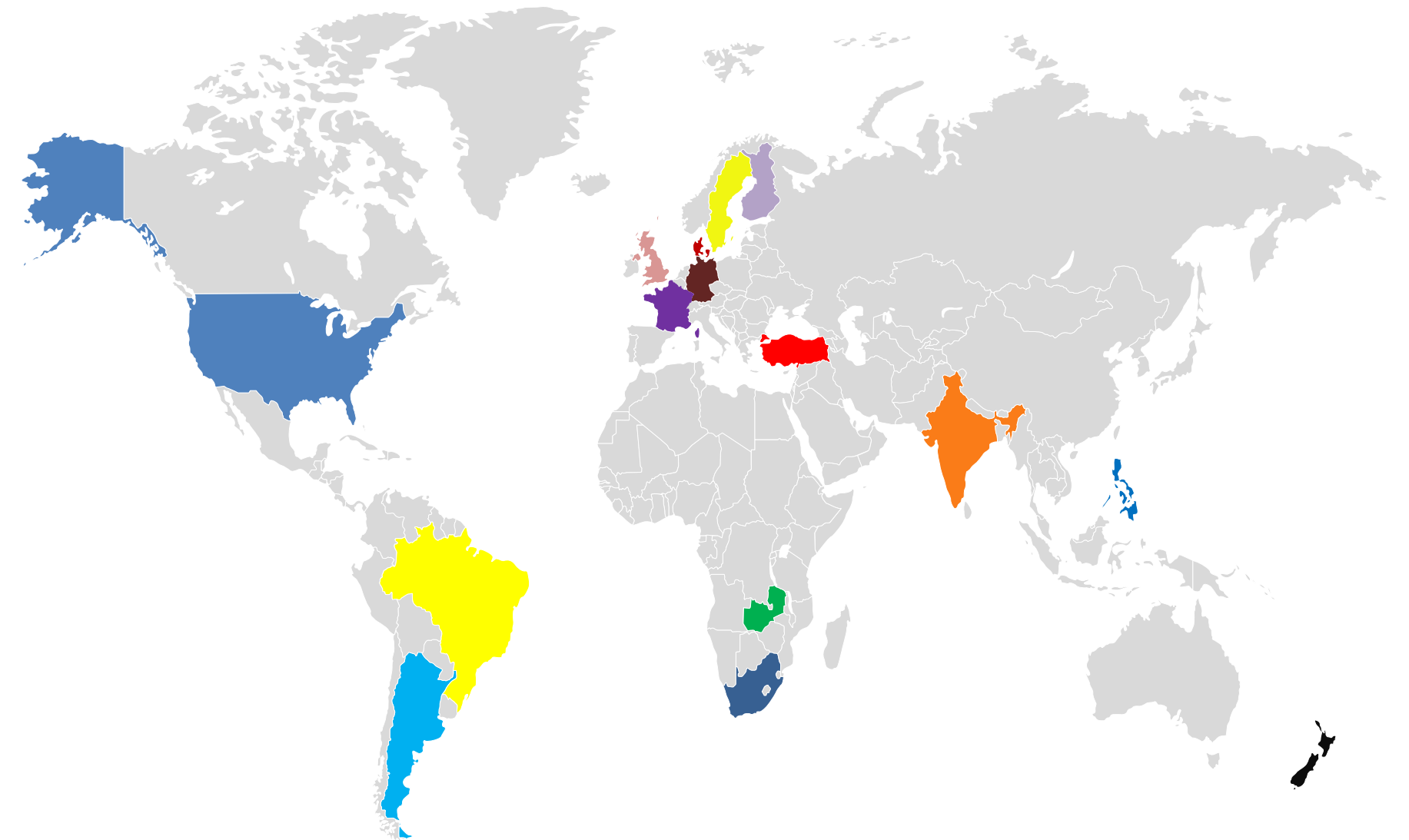
Bulking and Sampling Committee

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BSC Working groups

- Purpose 1: improve the ISTA Rules chapter 2, with clarifications, better wording
 - see Rules proposals
 - other topics in progress
- Purpose 2: improve the sampling videos with some comments to help the users – in progress

Contributions with other ISTA Committees

- “Optimisation of seed sample storage after testing” – contribution to the redaction of the application for ISTA TCOM Strategic Initiative Fund / coordinated by Storage Committee
- Submitted sample reporting on ISTA Certificates: contribution to the first discussion – participation to the working group / coordinated by Rules Committee
- Designation of 2 BSC volunteer participants for the scheduled ISTA working group on tropical species

Workshops

- Workshop on **Purity, Other Seed Determination and Moisture analysis**, Antalya, Türkiye, 10-14 November 2025, 25 participants. Lecturer from BSC: Bülent Öztürk
- Workshop on **Quality Assurance and ISTA Accreditation for Beginners** (francophone), Dakar, Senegal, 16-20 November 2025, 25 participants. Lecturer from BSC: Corinne Guimier
- Workshop on **Seed Sampling and Quality Assurance in Seed Sampling**, Budapest / Sárbogárd, Hungary, 17-20 March 2026, 33 participants. Lecturers: Eddie Goldschagg, Leena Pietilä, Gerry Hall, Sigyn Valgrind
- Workshop on **Seed Sampling and Quality Assurance in Seed Sampling**, Taşkent, Republic of Uzbekistan, 02-05 November 2026. Lecturers: Eddie Goldschagg, Bülent Öztürk, Gerry Hall, Sigyn Valgrind

-> Registration open until 10.08.2026

Sampling calculator

- **Updated** in accordance with the List of Stabilised Plant Names (8th Edition) in application since January 2026



Reminder

- The updates are available by connecting to the app with Internet access
- Make sure that the cookies and other “reminders” on your device are not preventing the update → if necessary, clear the history on your browser
- The current version is (look at the bottom of the screen):

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Questions

- 2025: 52 questions received
- 2026 (up to 05.06): 25 questions received
- **Main topics:** conformity of equipment (triers, dividers, automatic samplers), sampling practice, understanding of ISTA Rules, number and kind of containers, information on OIC (including OIC for sublots), monitoring of samplers, sampling calculator
- **Origin:** ISTA members, ISTA Rules users, ISTA auditors, ISTA Accreditation Department

ISTA Rules proposals: editorial modifications

- Minimum sampling intensity for containers less than 15kg : addition of the formula already present in the handbook to calculate the number of sampling units
- Sampling from the stream: clarification of the wording
- Table 2C: correction for the submitted sample size of 2 species

ISTA Rules proposals: additions

- **2.2.9 Containers:** new definition, more general than the existing one (was dealing only with self-sealing containers). Precision concerning sampling on shipping containers containing several smaller containers.
- **2.2.10 Sealed:** addition of the information concerning self-sealing containers, previously in 2.2.9.
- **2.5.4.3 Marking/labelling and sealing of containers:** possibility to identify the shipping containers when the marks of the lot are given by the accredited member and affixed only on the shipping containers; in this case, the smaller containers may have different marks, as printed by the seed producer. For traceability, both marks must be shown in the ISTA Certificate. Formalisation of an existing practice.

Discussion

**We propose you to discuss on following topics:
Your questions, your needs?**

- Rules proposals as presented (including the principle of small containers and shipping containers)
- Check of samplers, of dividers, on manual methods
- Sub lots & OIC reports
- Other proposals?

Thank you for your attention