



Hemp Genetics International Inc. (HGI)

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Hemp Genetics International Policy for Seed Sales Outside of Canada

Hemp Genetics International (HGI) is a Canadian Plant Breeding Company based in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada. We are primarily focused on industrial hemp production with a view to supplying farmers and processors with regionally adapted hemp grain varieties that will improve their chances of success in this exciting industry.

HGI has contributed significantly to the growth of the Canadian hemp grain industry through development of improved varieties, advanced seed technology and a greater understanding of sound agronomic practices that help make industrial hemp a “farmer friendly” crop.

Moving forward, HGI is in a great position to assist non-Canadian hemp growers with our current and future varieties. HGI respects International Treaties on plant genetics and the laws of sovereign countries in respect to industrial hemp cultivation.

The current situation for the United States of America:

- Canadian hemp regulations clearly state that HGI cannot export to any individual or entity that does not possess and provide us an original signed copy of a Valid Import Permit issued by the United States Drug Enforcement Agency.
- Industrial Hemp Regulations appear to be different in every State with some states allowing Hemp Farmers to save their own seed for the next crop’s planting.
- All Varieties of hemp, whether monoecious or dioecious, require a rigorous program of seed maintenance as per the AOSCA Pedigreed seed standards.
- The use of Pedigreed Hemp Planting Seed of known and proven varieties is critical to the future success of Hemp Grain and Fiber Processors, Hemp Farmers and Plant Breeding companies including HGI. The use of Pedigreed Planting Seed of known and proven varieties ensures the Predictability of performance in Farmer’s Fields as well as Predictability of performance for the Grain and Fiber Processing Industries that will develop.
- Current United States Federal Law prevents Plant Breeders from completing the process for PVP applications on Hemp Varieties. This issue seems to revolve around their seed sample requirement and storage for the period of protection. Therefore Plant Breeders have little if any commercial protection for their Intellectual Property.
- HGI will not release Hemp Seed Varieties into any State that does not have in its legislation a requirement for Hemp Farmers the use of “Certified / Pedigreed” seed, as per the AOSCA Pedigreed seed standards.
- If State hemp legislation/regulation allows for the use of “farmer saved Hempseed” to plant their next crop, HGI is choosing to not participate in that market.

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