

# A SEED'S JOURNEY AROUND THE WORLD

Before being planted to grow into the food on your plate, a seed may travel the world during its research, development, and production cycle.

This example of a tomato seed travels across four continents before being planted by farmers for local consumption or export.



- 1 Basic seed or breeder's seed production
- 2 Foundation seed production
- 3 Stock seed production
- 4 Bulk seed production
- 5 Shipment of bulk seed back for cleaning, treating and packaging
- 6 Shipment for commercial sale and distribution
- 7 Shipment to final destination after sale

## WHY DOES THIS MATTER?

Each of the countries that the seed and its product move through has its own complex regulatory regime.

Misaligned or incompatible requirements across countries can disrupt the seed R&D and production cycle, putting global food systems at risk.

