

SEED BOX CONTAINER GUIDELINES AND HANDLING WARNINGS

PLEASE FOLLOW THESE **GUIDELINES** TO HELP CARE FOR THE **SAFE USE** OF THIS CONTAINER AND FOR YOUR **PERSONAL SAFETY. FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE GUIDELINES AND HANDLING WARNINGS COULD RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH.**

WHEN HANDLING, STORING, TRANSPORTING, OR UNLOADING SEED BOX CONTAINERS ALWAYS THINK **“SAFETY FIRST.” UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCE SHOULD ANYONE STAND UNDERNEATH A SUSPENDED CONTAINER, OR PLACE ANY OTHER PART OF HIS OR HER BODY BENEATH AN UNSUPPORTED CONTAINER. NEVER STACK MORE THAN 3 HIGH (SALES REPRESENTATIVES OR END-USER), OR 4 HIGH (PRODUCTION LOCATIONS). (SEE BELOW)**

LIFTING OF SEED BOX CONTAINERS - The lifting capacity of equipment used to move these containers must exceed the loaded containers' weight. Seed box container dimensions are 45 inches by 56.5 inches by 64 inches high and approximate weight when empty is 300 pounds. It is essential that forklift tines be adjusted to the proper width for these containers and inserting them fully into the parallel sleeves on the container. Minimum forklift tine length is 42 inches. Always lift the container from the forklift inserts. Never use straps or lift by tying anything to the sides of the container. Oak inserts, located in the base of the container, reduce slippage on forklift forks and provide structural support. Do not remove them! Seed box containers should be raised or lowered smoothly. Don't subject seed box containers to sudden lifts or stops. **Never allow anyone to place any part of his or her body under a raised seed box container.**

TRANSPORTATION OF SEED BOX CONTAINERS - Always use proper forklift procedures when handling these containers. The forklift must be suitable for the load to be carried. Before moving a container, make sure all levers on the sides are in the locked position. When traveling with a container, there is a danger of the forklift becoming unstable. The container should be held close to the mast and as low as possible with the mast tilted slightly backwards to maintain optimum stability. Make sure that the wheels of the forklift will not damage the containers. The load should not restrict the view of the driver. Seed box containers must not be dragged. The forklift should be brought to a stop before the container is raised or lowered. Don't withdraw forklift tines prior to relieving the entire load on the lifting device. Don't allow the container to project over the side of a vehicle. Do ensure that seed box containers are adequately secured in transportation. Do not transport these containers on open trailers or truck bodies unless they are fastened securely to the bed. A safety tie down strap should be placed over the top of each container securing each lid to prevent it from blowing off at highway transport speeds. Never stack more than one high when transporting containers in an open truck or trailer. Don't stop or start suddenly during transportation.

STACKING OF SEED BOX CONTAINERS - Never stack anything on top of these containers, unless it's another seed box container. Don't stack these containers unless sure of stability. When stacking filled seed box containers, ensure that all four sides of the top container are aligned and properly seated with the container it is being placed on. Every effort should be made to ensure that the stack is stable and level. **Under no circumstance, should Sales Representatives or end users stack seed box containers more than 3 high. At Production Locations the stacks within a bay cannot exceed 4 high. Never stack these containers on top of pallets of paper bags or other types of containers.**

DAMAGED SEED BOX CONTAINERS - In the event that a container is damaged, do not attempt to repair the container, and proceed with extreme caution in any attempt to move the container and/or remove seed from the container. A punctured container may cause the damaged container or other containers stacked on or near the punctured container to shift and fall. Therefore, safely secure and remove the damaged container from the stack and place in a stabilized position on the ground/floor away from other containers before attempting to remove the contents.

EMPTYING OF SEED BOX CONTAINERS - **Under no circumstance should anyone stand underneath a suspended container, or place any part of his or her body beneath an unsupported container.** When opening the slide gate to empty seed from the seed box container into a planter, wagon, truck, or seed tender . . . always stand to the side rather than underneath the container.

STORAGE OF SEED BOX CONTAINERS - These containers should be kept clean, dry and stored undercover in such a manner that they are not damaged or exposed to the UV rays of sunlight. Containers must be returned for credit to the Provider or their Supplier.

STATEMENT OF USE - OWNERSHIP OF THE SEED BOX CONTAINER SHALL AT ALL TIMES REMAIN WITH PROVIDER OR THEIR SUPPLIER. THIS CONTAINER IS INTENDED TO BE USED ONLY FOR PRODUCTS THAT ARE ORIGINALLY DELIVERED BY PROVIDER. NEVER STORE OR PLACE OTHER SEED OR ANY OTHER MATERIALS INSIDE THE CONTAINER. DOING SO CAN DAMAGE OR CONTAMINATE THE CONTAINER. USE OF THIS CONTAINER FOR ANY OTHER SEED OR MATERIALS WILL RESULT IN YOUR BEING ASSESSED DAMAGE CHARGES UP TO THE REPLACEMENT COST OF THE CONTAINER. ALL SEED BOX CONTAINERS MUST BE RETURNED IN THEIR ORIGINAL CONDITION FOR REUSE OR RECYCLING.