

# Technology Stewardship Agreement

## Frequently Asked Questions



### **What is a TSA?**

The Technology Stewardship Agreement (TSA) is a legal agreement between Bayer CropScience LP (“Bayer”) and a grower. It grants a grower a limited license to use Bayer Technologies in accordance with the terms and conditions in the TSA. Bayer Technologies include patented traits, Plant Variety Protection rights, patented germplasm, and other intellectual property rights.

### **What is included in a TSA?**

The TSA contains terms and conditions that specify a licensed grower’s obligations related to product stewardship—such as commodity marketing, insect resistance management and weed management—as well as Bayer’s intellectual property rights, among other things.

### **Who is required to have a TSA?**

Any grower who wishes to purchase and/or plant seed containing Bayer Technologies must have an active TSA at the time of sale.

### **How does a grower obtain a TSA?**

A grower should read and sign a TSA on the AgCelerate website at [agcelerate.com](http://agcelerate.com). Alternatively, a grower can call **1-866-99-BAYER** to request a paper TSA, which must

be completed and mailed to the address on the form. Note that paper applications require longer processing time.

### **How does a grower check the status of a TSA application?**

If a grower signed a TSA on the AgCelerate website, they may check the status of the application on the website or by calling Bayer at **1-866-99-BAYER**. If they signed and submitted a paper TSA form to AgCelerate, they may check the status of their application by calling **1-866-99-BAYER**.

### **What if a grower has another TSA question?**

In addition to an inquiry about the status of a TSA application, a grower may ask other questions about the TSA or the application process by calling **1-866-99-BAYER** or by submitting a contact request at [cropscience.bayer.us/contact](http://cropscience.bayer.us/contact).

### **If a grower has been unauthorized, can they ever be relicensed?**

It’s possible for an unauthorized grower to be relicensed. However, these situations are evaluated on a case-by-case basis. The grower should call **1-866-99-BAYER** if they wish to discuss relicensing.

## **TSA Status: Verification and Definitions**

### **When should a TSA status be verified?**

Seed dealers must confirm that a grower has an active TSA at the time of seed ordering and sale. A grower’s license status may be verified by visiting [agcelerate.com](http://agcelerate.com) or [mycrop.bayer.com](http://mycrop.bayer.com), or by calling Bayer at **1-866-99-BAYER**.

### **What are the license status definitions?**

A grower’s status may be shown as “Licensed” on the AgCelerate or MyCrop website. This means the grower has an active TSA.

However, if the status is “Not Registered” on AgCelerate or “Not Licensed” on MyCrop it means that the grower does not have a valid TSA. This could mean that the grower has never been licensed or they were previously licensed and the TSA has been terminated. The grower may read and sign a TSA at [agcelerate.com](http://agcelerate.com).

If a grower’s status is “Unauthorized” on MyCrop, or if a grower lookup on AgCelerate results in “Action Required,” it means that the grower is not eligible for a license and they cannot purchase or plant Bayer Technologies. Seed dealers must not sell to this grower.

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### **Should a grower register on AgCelerate.com even if they signed a paper TSA?**

Growers should register with AgCelerate at **agcelerate.com** if they have not done so already. By registering with AgCelerate, a grower can check for TSA updates as well as easily maintain their farm profile and contact information.

### **Can a grower sign a TSA form downloaded from the Internet?**

No. A grower should not download and sign a TSA form from the internet. If they sign and submit a downloaded copy, it will be rejected. An original paper TSA is a multi-copy form that has a unique identification number. However, a grower may view the current terms and conditions of the TSA by going to **agcelerate.com** or **tug.bayer.com**. They may also sign a TSA at **agcelerate.com** once they have read it.

### **When Bayer launches new products, do growers need to sign a new agreement?**

No. The TSA does not routinely expire. Growers are routinely alerted that there are updates to the TSA and Technology Use Guide (TUG), typically by an annual letter or email. The latest version of the TUG and TSA can be found at **tug.bayer.com**. The latest version of the TSA can also be found on the AgCelerate website at **agcelerate.com**.

### **What mailing address should a grower list on a TSA form if they have a PO Box?**

Bayer requires a physical address for a TSA. For example, a physical address is the one that emergency services would use. If a grower needs to include a PO Box number, they should add it above or below the street address.

### **What are the rules for family farm operations? Does every family member need to sign a TSA?**

Both the owner and operator of the farm must read and sign a TSA. If other family members are involved in the same farm operation as the primary grower, they do not need a separate TSA. But if a family member farms land (i.e., is the operator on land) outside of the joint family operation, then that family member needs their own TSA.

### **How would a Trustee fill out a TSA?**

The name of the grower should be the name of the trust (e.g., John Jones Trust). An example signatory would be Mary Smith, as Trustee of the John Jones Trust.

### **What are the licensing requirements for landlord and tenant arrangements?**

The tenant is the operator of the farmland and is required to read and sign a TSA. If the landlord is involved in making decisions regarding the farm operation, has control over the crop, or purchases seed for the farm operation, the landlord needs to sign a TSA, too.

### **What are the licensing requirements for farm managers?**

In situations where a farm manager is acting as a representative for the grower, they do not need a separate TSA. In that situation, only a TSA for the grower is required.

### **If a grower purchases Bayer-branded seed containing another seed provider's trait, what license do they need?**

If the seed is a Bayer product, the grower is required to sign a Bayer TSA. For canola products containing the LibertyLink® trait, the grower must also hold a valid and current BASF Grower Technology Agreement (BGTA) before they purchase such products.

### **Does the grower need a new TSA if they relocate?**

If a grower signed a paper copy of the TSA but has not registered their information with AgCelerate, they should register for an AgCelerate account at **agcelerate.com** and provide the updated information. If a grower already has an AgCelerate account, they may update their address information on the website.



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