

WAC 16-301-025 Special requirements for labeling of vegetable and flower seed as prepared for use in the home. In addition to the information required on the label in WAC 16-301-015, the following requirements also apply to vegetable and flower seed as prepared for use in home:

(1) **Vegetable seeds in packets or preplanted devices** - Labeling for vegetable seeds in packets as prepared for use in home gardens or household plantings or vegetable seeds in preplanted containers, mats, tapes, or other planting devices must include the following information:

(a) The year in which the seed was packed for sale as "packed for planting in ..." or the percentage germination and the calendar month and the year the test was completed to determine that percentage;

(b) Label for seeds which germinate less than the standard established in WAC 16-301-090 must include the following:

(i) Percentage of germination, exclusive of hard seed;

(ii) Percentage of hard seed, if present;

(iii) The words "below standard" in not less than eight-point type;

(c) For seeds placed in a germination medium, mat, tape, or other device in such a way as to make it difficult to determine the quality of seed without removing the seed from the medium, mat, tape or device, a statement to indicate the minimum number of seeds in the container.

(2) **Vegetable seeds in containers** - The labeling requirements for vegetable seeds in containers, other than packets prepared for use in home gardens or household plantings and other than preplanted containers, mats, tapes, or other planting devices, are considered met if the seed is weighed from a properly labeled container of more than one pound in the presence of the purchaser.

(3) **Flower seeds in packets or preplanted devices** - Labeling for flower seeds in packets prepared for use in home gardens or household plantings or flower seeds in preplanted containers, mats, tapes, or other planting devices must include the following information:

(a) For all kinds of flower seeds:

(i) The name of the kind and variety or a statement of the kind and performance characteristics as prescribed in chapter 15.49 RCW and rules adopted thereunder;

(ii) The calendar month and year the seed was tested or the year for which the seed was packaged;

(b) Labels for seeds of those kinds for which standard testing procedures are prescribed and which germinate less than the germination standard established under the provisions of chapter 15.49 RCW must include the following:

(i) The percentage of germination exclusive of hard seeds;

(ii) The words "below standard" in not less than eight-point type.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 15.49.005, 15.49.081, 15.49.310, 15.49.370(3), and chapter 34.05 RCW. WSR 14-20-050, § 16-301-025, filed 9/25/14, effective 10/26/14. Statutory Authority: Chapters 15.49 and 34.05 RCW. WSR 02-12-060, § 16-301-025, filed 5/30/02, effective 6/30/02. Statutory Authority: RCW 15.49.005, 15.49.081, 15.49.310, 15.49.370(3) and chapter 17.24 RCW. WSR 00-24-077, § 16-301-025, filed 12/4/00, effective 1/4/01.]