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**RULES FOR ALFALFA SEED CERTIFICATION**

I, Cameron S. Adams, Acting Director of Agriculture of the State of Washington, by virtue of the authority vested in me under Chapter 15.48 RCW, Laws of 1961, after due notice as provided under Chapters 42.32 and 34.04 RCW, and a public hearing held in Yakima, Washington on March 15, 1965, do hereby promulgate the following regulation relating to the certification of alfalfa seed.

Regulation 1. The General Rules for seed certification are basic and together with the following specific rules constitute the rules for alfalfa seed certification.

Section 1. Following are the varieties eligible and the certification scheme for each:

<u>VARIETY</u>	<u>CERTIFICATION SCHEME</u>
Alfa	Foundation - - Certified
Cardinal	Foundation - (Elite) - Certified
Culver	Foundation - - Certified
Cody	Foundation - - Certified
DuPuits	Foundation - (Elite) - Certified
Flandre	Foundation - (Elite) - Certified
Ladak	Foundation - Registered - Certified - Certified
Harragansett	Foundation - Registered - Certified
Rambler	Foundation - Registered - Certified
Ranger	Foundation - Registered - Certified
Talent	Foundation - Registered - Certified
Teton	Foundation - - Certified
Vernal	Foundation - - Certified
WL-202	Foundation - - Certified

Section 2. Fees for certification of alfalfa seed.

1. Seedling applications: (Due within 60 days after planting.)

- a. Seedling application fee - - - - - \$10.00
- b. Late penalty fee - - - - - \$10.00  
(An additional fee shall be charged for each seedling application received more than 60 days after planting. Seedling applications are not acceptable more than six months after planting.)

2. Renewal applications: (Due June 15.)

- a. Renewal application fee - - - - - \$10.00
- b. Acreage fee - - - - - \$ .50 per acre  
(Refundable if acreage is withdrawn before inspection.)
- c. Late penalty fee - - - - - \$10.00  
(An additional fee shall be charged for each renewal application received after June 15. Renewal applications are not acceptable after July 31.)

3. Reinspection fee: - - - - - \$10.00 each.  
If a field is rejected for certification, the grower may apply for reinspection after the cause for rejection has been corrected. Only two reinspections are permitted for each field each year.

4. Sampling fee: - - - - - \$ .10 per 100 lbs.

5. Tagging fee: - - - - - \$ .15 per 100 lbs.

The tagging fee is billed at completion of germination tests and payable in advance of tagging. If a lot of seed is eligible for tagging and none of the seed is tagged, 10 cents or 15 cents per cwt. charged is refundable upon request. Request for this refund must be submitted by August 1 of the year following harvest.

6. Purity and Germination test: Fees as established by the Director of Agriculture.
7. Fees for resampling, retagging, or services not listed shall be the most applicable fee established by the Director of Agriculture.

Section 3. Land requirements shall be as follows:

1. A field to be planted with Breeder seed for the production of Foundation seed, or with Foundation seed for the production of Registered seed, must not have grown or have been seeded to Alfalfa during the preceding four years.
2. A field to be planted with Foundation or Registered seed for the production of certified seed must not have grown or have been seeded to alfalfa during the preceding two years.
3. A field to be planted with Certified seed for the production of Certified seed must not have grown or have been seeded to alfalfa during the preceding two years unless it is a replacement of a certified field of the same variety.
4. Reseeding of a field due to failure or partial failure of the first seeding may be done with permission of the Seed Branch.
5. Ditchbanks, roadways, etc., adjacent to a certified field must be free of volunteer alfalfa and noxious weeds.
6. Volunteer alfalfa plants in the field may be cause for rejection or reclassification of a seed field.
7. No manure or other contaminating materials shall be applied during the establishment and production period of the stand.

Section 4. Isolation requirements shall be as follows:

1. Alfalfa for certification shall be isolated from all other alfalfa varieties or fields of the same alfalfa variety not meeting varietal purity requirements for certification as follows:

CLASS PLANTED	CLASS PRODUCED	FIELDS LESS THAN 5 ACRES	FIELDS 5 ACRES OR MORE
Breeder	Foundation	1,320 feet	1,320 feet
Foundation	Registered	1,000 feet	500 feet
Foundation	Certified	300 feet	165 feet
Registered	Certified	300 feet	165 feet
Certified	Certified	300 feet	300 feet

2. Isolation between different classes (generations) of the same variety shall be as follows:

CLASS PLANTED	CLASS PRODUCED	DISTANCE REQUIRED FROM THE NEAREST FIELD PLANTED WITH	
Breeder	Foundation	Foundation	480 feet
		Registered	900 feet
Foundation	Registered	Registered	165 feet
		Certified	165 feet
Registered	Certified	Certified	165 feet
		Certified	165 feet

3. Isolation may be obtained by measuring off the required strip in the certified field; in cases where an adjoining field is planted with a different variety of alfalfa, or alfalfa of a lower class which also requires isolation. This isolation strip may be mowed for hay or it may be harvested for uncertified seed under the following conditions:

- a. The grower must apply for certification of the entire field. The entire field must pass all certification requirements, except for isolation at inspection time. If all other factors are acceptable, the field will be rejected from certification due to lack of isolation.
- b. The grower will be allowed to harvest the isolation strip for uncertified seed. After the isolation strip is harvested and delivered to the warehouse, weighed and entered as a specific lot, a request for reinspection must be submitted with the \$10.00 reinspection fee. After the reinspection, the certified portion of the field can then be harvested.

Section 5. Field tolerances shall be as follows:

	FOUNDATION	FIELD PRODUCING REGISTERED	CERTIFIED
Other varieties	0.20%	0.5%	1.0%
Sweet clover	None	5 plants per acre	20 plants per acre
Red clover	None	5 plants per acre	20 plants per acre

Alfalfa fields must be free of prohibited noxious weeds.


Section 6. Seed standards shall be as follows:

PURITY	FOUNDATION	REGISTERED	Blue Tag CERTIFIED
Pure seed (Min.)	99.00%	99.00%	99.00%
Other crops (Max.)	0.1%	0.1%	.25%
Sweet clover (Max.)	None	None	90 per lb.
Inert matter (Max.)	1.00%	1.00%	1.00%
Weed seed (Max.)	0.1%	0.2%	.25%
Objectionable weed seeds: Max. total	None	None	18 per lb.
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<b>GERMINATION</b>			
(Min. total germination and hard seed.)	80.00%	85.00%	85.00%

Alfalfa seed must be free of the seeds of prohibited noxious weeds.

(Foundation or Registered seed that has been rejected in the laboratory for seeds of the weeds listed as prohibited in the General Rules for seed certification will be reclassified to the Certified Blue Tag class and will not be eligible for seed stock, although it is recleaned and upon retesting meets certified standards.)

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the regulations promulgated by the Department of Agriculture.

  
 Cameron S. Adams  
 Acting Director of Agriculture  
 State of Washington

Signed at Olympia, Washington

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