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RULES FOR BENTGRASS 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 bentgrass seed.

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

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

<u>VARIETY</u>	<u>CERTIFICATION SCHEME</u>
Astoria Colonial	Certified - Certified
Highland Colonial	Certified - Certified
Colonial	Certified - Certified
Seaside Creeping	Certified - Certified

Section 2. Fees for certification of bentgrass seed.

1. Seedling applications: (Due within 60 days after planting.)
 - a. Seedling application fee - - - - - \$10.00
 - b. Late seedling penalty fee - - - - - \$10.00An 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 1.)
 - a. Renewal application fee - - - - - \$10.00
 - b. Late penalty fee - - - - - \$10.00An additional fee shall be charged on each renewal application received after June 1. Renewal applications are not acceptable after July 1.
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 of the 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.

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- 7. Fees for resampling, retagging, or services not listed shall be the most applicable fee established by the Director of Agriculture.

Section 3. A field to be eligible for the production of certified Bentgrass seed shall not have grown or have been seeded to Bentgrass during the previous year unless the previous crop was of the same variety or strain and certified.

Section 4. Field inspection shall be made as follows:

- 1. New fields will be inspected as soon as possible after receipt of the seedling applications.
- 2. A field inspection on other fields may not be made each year that a certified seed crop is to be harvested. If performed, this inspection will be made after heading but before harvesting.

Section 5. Field tolerances shall be as follows:

- 1. A strip at least 5 feet in width and which is mowed, uncropped, or planted to some crop other than the kind in question shall constitute a field boundary.
- 2. A maximum of 1% fine-leaved Bentgrasses is permitted in certified Bentgrass seed fields. A trace of Red Top is permitted in certified Blue Tag Bentgrass fields.
- 3. Grass fields must be free of the weeds listed as prohibited noxious in the General Rules for seed certification.


Section 6. Seed standards shall be as follows:

SPECIFIC SEED STANDARDS

Pure Seed*	98% Min.
Other Crop Seed	.6% Max.
Inert Matter	2.0% Max.
Weed Seed	.4% Max.**

- * - 1.50% other fine Bentgrasses and .50% Red Top will be allowed in certified Bentgrass containing a minimum of 98% total Bentgrass.
- ** - A maximum of 0.5% weed seed will be allowed in Bentgrass containing Silver hairgrass providing the total of all other weed seed does not exceed .4%.

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



 Cameron S. Adams
 Acting Director of Agriculture
 State of Washington

Signed at Olympia, Washington

Date: _____