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REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO THE BLENDING OF CERTIFIED SEED

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 regulations relating to blending of certified seed:

Regulation 1. Definition: The term "blend or blending" as related to this Order shall be the process of commingling two or more lots of seed to form one lot of uniform quality.

Regulation 2. Blend Data Sheet: A blend data sheet listing lots to be used, analysis of each, and pounds to be used from each shall be submitted to the certifying agency for approval prior to blending. (Forms available at the Seed Branch, Yakima, Washington.)

Regulation 3. Equipment and Procedure: The equipment to be used and the procedure followed in blending shall be approved by the certifying agency.

Regulation 4. Supervision: A representative of the certifying agency shall supervise blending operations.

Regulation 5. Registered Class: All lots used in a registered class blend shall have passed registered class purity and germination standards.

Regulation 6. Quality Standards for Certified Class: Individual lots to be eligible for blending shall not exceed the following:

Inert (Maximum) - two times the amount allowed in certification standards.

Crop (Maximum) - four times the amount allowed in certification standards.

Weeds (Maximum) - two times the amount allowed in certification standards.

Germination or tetrazolium test shall not be less than the minimum certification standard for germination minus 1/2 of the difference between that standard and 100%.

Sweet Clover - Individual lots of alfalfa or clover shall not contain more than 180 sweet clover seeds per pound.

Regulation 7. Objectionable Weeds: Individual lots of grass seed shall not contain more than 180 per pound and alfalfa and clover shall not contain more than 90 per pound of objectionable weed seeds.

Regulation 8. Prohibited Noxious Weeds: Individual lots must be free of prohibited noxious weed seeds.

Regulation 9. Calculated Analysis: Blends will be eligible for tagging prior to analysis of the official sample of the blend upon meeting the following conditions:

Section 1. The calculated per cent of impurities (weeds, crop, inert, etc.) shall be 20% less than the maximum allowed in Rules for Seed Certification.

Section 2. The calculated per cent of germination shall be not less than the minimum germination standard in the Rules for Seed Certification plus 15% of the difference of the minimum germination standard and 100%. (For example, alfalfa shall calculate 85% plus 15% of 15 (difference of 85 and 100) equals 87.25%.)

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Regulation 10. Tetrazolium Test: A tetrazolium test may be used in lieu of a germination test.

Regulation 11. Fees: Fees for blending shall be 5¢ per 100 pounds based on the pounds of seed bagged plus cost of a purity and germination which is required on the official sample of each blend. All fees payable by persons or firm requesting permission for said blend.

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



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Cameron S. Adams  
Acting Director of Agriculture  
State of Washington

Signed at Olympia, Washington

Date: \_\_\_\_\_