

FROM: AGRICULTURE  
(Name of Agency)

TO: CODE REVISER  
LEGISLATIVE BLDG. (Southwest Corner, Ground Floor)  
OLYMPIA 98504

The enclosed rules Permanent rules  , being Order No. 1503  
Emergency rules

relating to (Name of rules or description of subject matter)

sod quality seed certification standards

(ALTERNATIVE A. Use only for adoption of permanent rules)

pursuant to Notice No. 7441 <sup>①</sup> filed with the code reviser  
on March 4, 1977 <sup>②</sup> were regularly adopted as permanent rules of  
(date)  
this agency at Olympia on 3/31/77 and are herewith  
(place) (date)  
filed in the office of the code reviser pursuant to chapter 34.04  
RCW. The effective date of such rules shall be April 30, 1977. <sup>③</sup>

(ALTERNATIVE B. Use only for adoption of emergency rules)

pursuant to its finding in the attached administrative order,  
that the immediate adoption of these rules is necessary for the  
preservation of the public health, safety, or general welfare and  
that observance of the requirements of notice and opportunity to  
present views on the proposed action would be contrary to the  
public interest, were regularly adopted as emergency rules of this  
agency at \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ and  
(place) (date)  
are herewith filed in the office of the code reviser pursuant to  
chapter 34.04 RCW.

The undersigned hereby certifies that the requirements of chapter  
34.04 RCW and of the Open Public Meetings Act of 1971, chapter  
42.30 RCW have been fulfilled.

Dated this thirty-first day of March 1977.

STATE OF WASHINGTON

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AGRICULTURE

(AGENCY)

*Ivan Packard*

By Ivan Packard

Deputy Director

Title

- ① Notice number as appears on the copy of notice returned to you by  
reviser's office (if proceedings were continued, use no. of last notice)  
② Stamped date as appears on the copy of notice returned to you by  
reviser's office (if proceedings were continued, use date of last notice)  
③ Unless a later date is specified in this order or is prescribed in  
another statute, rules are effective 30 days after filing:  
RCW 34.04.040. Leave this space blank except in such special cases.  
[Order 9, filed 9/25/74, eff. 10/25/74] [Form CR-2: Rev. 9/21/74]

STATE OF WASHINGTON  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 1503

(1) I, GARY STROHMAIER, Director, Department of Agriculture of the State of Washington, by virtue of the authority vested in me under chapters 34.04 RCW, and 15.49 RCW after due notice and after carefully and fully considering the oral and written views of the public received in a meeting open to the public held in the Department of Agriculture Conference Room, 2015 South First Street, Yakima, Washington on March 24, 1977

as required by chapters 34.04 and 42.30 RCW, do promulgate and adopt the annexed rules and regulations, to wit:

AMD: WAC 16-316-620 of chapter 15.49 RCW and add new sections, WAC 16-316-622 and WAC 16-316-637 relating to the certification standards for sod quality seed.

as permanent rules of this agency.

(2) This order after being first recorded in the order register of this agency shall be forwarded to the Code Reviser for filing pursuant to chapter 34.04 RCW and chapter 1-12 WAC.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED

March 31

1977

By

Gary L. Strohmaier  
Gary Strohmaier

DIRECTOR

Title

AMD

WAC 16-316-620 STANDARDS. Seed standards for sod quality grass seed are as follows:

Variety	Minimum Purity	Minimum Germination	Maximum* Other Crop	Maximum*** Weed
Merion Kentucky Bluegrass	96%	80%	0.1%**	.02%
Other varieties of Kentucky Bluegrass	97%	80%	0.1%**	.02%
Red Fescue	98%	90%	0.1%	.02%
Chewings Fescue	98%	90%	0.1%	.02%

\* Must be free of ryegrass, orchardgrass, timothy, bentgrass big bluegrass, Canada bluegrass\*\*, Poa trivialis, smooth brome, reed canarygrass, tall fescue, and clover.

\*\* Other Kentucky bluegrass - Maximum 2%

\*\* Canada bluegrass in Kentucky bluegrass - Maximum .02%

NEW

WAC 16-316-622 RYEGRASS STANDARDS. Seed standards for sod quality Ryegrass seed are as follows:

Variety	Minimum Purity	Minimum Germination	Maximum Other Crop	Maximum*** Weed
Ryegrass**	98%	90%	0.10%	.02%

\* Must be free of orchardgrass, timothy, bentgrass, big bluegrass, Poa trivialis, smooth brome, reed canarygrass, tall fescue, clover and meadow foxtail. Maximum allowable Canada bluegrass 0.02%.

\*\* Maximum fluorescence levels as determined by breeder or variety owner. Yorktown 2.00%, Norlea 5.00%, Pennfine 0-3%, NK-100 3-12%, NK-200 3%, and Pelo 5%.

\*\*\* Must be free of dock, chickweed, crabgrass, plantain, black medic, annual bluegrass, velvetgrass, short-awn foxtail, and prohibited noxious weed seeds. An additional 0.07% of bromus spp. will be allowed.

"Noxious Weed" and Crop and Weed" analysis shall be based on a 50 gram sample.

NEW

WAC 16-316-637 SOD QUALITY MIXTURE. Two or more sod quality lots may be blended and tagged as a "Sod Quality Mixture". Appropriate tags will be issued and blend fee shall be applicable. Sample of final mixture shall be submitted to the certifying agency.