

State of Washington

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

(agency name)

Administrative Order No. 1546

(1) I, Gary F. Strohmaier, director of the Department of Agriculture

do promulgate and adopt at Olympia, Washington (place)

the annexed rules relating to:

WAC 16-316-250 of Title 16, Seed standards for alfalfa seed.

(2) ALTERNATIVE A. Use only for Adoption of Permanent Rules.

This action is taken pursuant to Notice No. filed with the code reviser on. Such rules shall take effect:

- pursuant to RCW 34.04.040(2).
at a later date, such date being

(2) ALTERNATIVE B. Use only for Adoption of Emergency Rules.

I, Gary F. Strohmaier, find that an emergency exists and that the foregoing order 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 public interest. A statement of the facts constituting such emergency is:

The Washington-North Idaho Seed Growers Association have asked for a reduction in the alfalfa seed germination standard from 85% to 80% to prevent a substantial loss to the alfalfa seed growers. Heavy rains during the seed harvest season resulted in seed damage, placing most germination percentages below the 85% standard for seed certification. If the seed cannot be certified the growers are forced to sell their seed at a lower price. The purchaser of this seed will still be protected in that all seed must be labeled with the percent of germination. It is necessary that this order become effective immediately as the alfalfa seed market

channels demand shipment in December and January.

(3) Pursuant to the requirements of RCW 34.04. (1977 c 19 § 2) that "every agency shall incorporate the most specific, but in no case omit all, of the following language alternatives when adopting or amending rules" (fill in statement (a), (b), or (c) as appropriate):

(a) This rule is promulgated pursuant to RCW 15.49 and is intended to administratively implement that statute.

(b) This rule is promulgated pursuant to RCW which directs that the

(agency)

has authority to implement the provisions of

(name of act or RCW citation)

(c) This rule is promulgated under the general rule-making authority of the

(agency)

as authorized in RCW

(4) The undersigned hereby declares that he has complied with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act (chapter 42.30 RCW), the Administrative Procedure Act (chapter 34.04 RCW) or the Higher Education Administrative Procedure Act (chapter 28B.19 RCW), as appropriate, and the State Register Act (chapter 34.08 RCW).

(5) This order after being first recorded in the order register of this agency is herewith transmitted to the Code Reviser for filing pursuant to chapter 34.04 RCW and chapter 1-12 WAC.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED December 8 1977

STATE OF WASHINGTON FILED

DEC - 9 1977

By

Director of Agriculture

Title

CODE REVISER'S OFFICE DOCKET # 8690 FILE # 30

[Form CR-7: Effective 12/1/77]



STATE OF
WASHINGTON

Dixy Lee Ray
Governor

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

406 General Administration Building, Olympia, Washington 98504

For the purposes of legislative review of agency rules, the following statement is submitted:

1. Regulations pertaining to the seed standards for alfalfa seed. (Statutory authority 15.49 RCW).
2. The amendment reduces the alfalfa seed germination standard from 85% to 80% to prevent a loss to the alfalfa seed growers. Heavy rains during the seed harvest season resulted in seed damage, placing most germination percentages below the 85% standard. The purchaser of the seed will still be protected in that all seed must be labeled with the percent of germination. It is necessary that this order become effective immediately as the alfalfa seed market channels demand shipment in December and January.
3. Bob Eschbach
2015 S. 1st Street
Yakima, Washington 98903
575-2750
4. Proponents: Washington-North Idaho Seed Growers Association
Opponents: None
5. No agency comments.

AMENDATORY SECTION

WAC 16-316-250 SEED STANDARDS SHALL BE AS FOLLOWS: (1)

PURITY		Foundation	Registered	Blue Tag Certified
Pure seed	(Min)	99.00%	99.00%	99.00%
Other crops	(Max)	.10%	.10%	.25%
Sweet clover	(Max)	none	none	90 per lb.
Inert matter	(Max)	1.00%	1.00%	1.00%
Weed seed	(Max)	.10%	.20%	.25%
Objectionable weed seed:				
Maximum total		none	none	18 per lb.

GERMINATION

(Minimum total germination
and hard) 80.00% ((85-00%)) 80.00% ((85-00%)) 80.00%

(2) Alfalfa seed must be free of prohibited noxious weed seeds.

(3) Foundation or registered seed that has been rejected in the laboratory for prohibited noxious weed seeds may be reclassified to the certified blue tag class and may not be eligible for seed stock even though it is re-cleaned and meets certification standards.