

STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
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SEED DIVISION
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RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR INTERSTATE CERTIFICATION OF SEEDS

I. VARIETIES ELIGIBLE

Only those varieties approved for certification by a member agency of the International Crop Improvement Association will be eligible for interstate certification.

II. AGENCIES ELIGIBLE

Only member agencies of the International Crop Improvement Association may participate.

III. APPLICATION OF STANDARDS

The seed certification standards as adopted by the Certifying Agency issuing the certification tags shall be applied, provided those standards meet the minimum International Crop Improvement Association standards for the kind and variety in question.

In the absence of standards the tag-issuing agency may apply the seed standards of the state in which the seed was field inspected.

IV. EVIDENCE OF SEED ELIGIBILITY

Seed shall not be recognized for final certification by any agency unless it is received in containers carrying documentary evidence of its eligibility supplied by another certifying agency including:

1. Variety and kind
2. Amount of seed (pounds or bushels)
3. Class of seed (Foundation, Registered, or Certified)
4. Inspection or lot number

V. PRIOR APPROVAL OF COOPERATING CERTIFICATION AGENCIES

No agency (within the limits of II above) shall be required to obtain the prior approval of another agency to engage in interstate certification activities unless the tag or label states "not eligible for interstate certification" provided complete information is returned to the certifying agency last having jurisdiction of the seed. Such information shall include the amount of seed received, amount of seed finally certified, nature of service rendered (recleaning, rebagging or retagging) and lot numbers of seed involved.

Prior approval shall be required unless this procedure is followed.

VI. BLENDING

Lots of the same class of seed originating from one state may be blended. Seed from two or more states shall not be blended without the prior approval of each state concerned.

In cases of blending or recleaning, the processor assumes the risk of having seed that meets certification requirements.

VII. APPROVAL OF PROCESSORS

Processors desiring interstate certification services shall apply to the Certifying Agency in the state where services are to be performed.

Each Certifying Agency shall stipulate requirements to cooperating processors including the following:

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1. Facilities shall be available to perform the function requested without introducing admixtures.
2. Identity of the seed must be maintained at all times.
3. Records of all operations shall be complete and adequate to account for all incoming and finally certified seed. These shall include:
 - (1) Receiving records, including the following information.
 - (a) Variety and kind
 - (b) Name and address of the shipper
 - (c) Shipper's lot number or inspection number
 - (d) Date of shipment
 - (e) Date received
 - (f) Weight received
 - (g) Receiving lot number assigned to the lot of seed by the consignee
 - (h) Name and address of delivering carrier.
 - (2) Record of blending, cleaning or other processing, also rebagging including
 - (a) Variety and kind
 - (b) Lot number of component lots used in making final or blended lot and final lot number
 - (c) Number of bags and weight of each component
 - (d) Number of bags and weight of recleaned seed or blended seed
 - (e) Weight of refuse or screenings and its disposition, and
 - (f) Date processed or rebagged
 - (3) Disposition or stock record which shall include
 - (a) Variety and kind
 - (b) Number of bags and weight of the final lot
 - (c) Invoice number and weight covering each shipment
 - (d) Balance remaining after each shipment, and
 - (e) Amount used in other lots and the identity of the other lots into which it was blended.
 - (4) Invoice or other sales record which shall include
 - (a) Variety and kind
 - (b) Name and address of the buyer or consignee
 - (c) Date sold or shipped
 - (d) Number of bags and weight of seed sold or shipped, and
 - (e) Lot number
4. Processors shall permit inspection by the Certifying Agency of all records of the kind of seed certified, including both certified and non-certified seed.

Approved processors shall designate an individual who shall be responsible to the Certifying Agency for performing such duties as may be required.

Approval of processors shall be on an annual basis.

VIII. INSPECTION OF PROCESSING OPERATIONS

The Certifying Agency shall make as many inspections of both seed and records as may be required to satisfy itself that only the seed meeting requirements is labeled with certified tags.

IX. SAMPLES

Samples of all incoming lots to be certified as well as the finally certified lots shall be retained by the Certifying Agency.

X. TAGS AND TAGGING

Tags issued for interstate certified seed shall be serially numbered, or carry a lot number and clearly show the certifying agencies involved, the variety, kind and class of seed.

The certification tag may also carry other labeling information, but for numerous reasons this is not recommended.

The certification tag not carrying complete labeling information should include a statement similar to the following: "This tag is void unless accompanied by analysis tag showing data required by law".

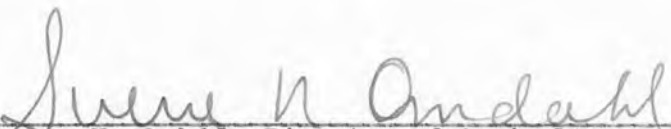
XI. EDUCATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

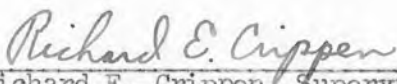
It shall be the responsibility of the Certifying Agency directly and through the Agricultural Extension Service, to:

1. Inform seed users of the true value of interstate certified seed.
2. Acquaint and assist the Seed Trade with the procedures involved in interstate certification.

XII. FEES

The fees for sampling, tagging, or sealing sacks, and maintaining records for interstate certification of seed shall be \$10.00 per lot or 15 cents a sack or bag, whichever fee is the greater.


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Dated this 2 day of November, 1950 at Olympia, Washington.