

State of Washington

Department of Agriculture

(agency name)

Administrative Order No. 1565

(1) I, Bob J. Mickelson, director of the Department of Agriculture

do promulgate and adopt at Olympia, Washington (place) the annexed rules relating to:

WAC 16-316-622 via

WAC 16-316-620 and WAC 16-316-625 of Chapter 16-316, Title 16 relating to sod quality certification standards.

(2) ALTERNATIVE A. Use only for Adoption of Permanent Rules. & 2/21/78

This action is taken pursuant to Notice No. 7966 and 78-03-040 filed with the code reviser on 12/30/77. Such rules shall take effect:

pursuant to RCW 34.04.040(2).

X at a later date, such date being April 1, 1978

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

I, 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:

Such rules are therefore adopted as emergency rules to take effect upon filing with the code reviser.

(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):

X (a) This rule is promulgated pursuant to RCW 15.49 RCW 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 FORWARDED March 1 1978

FILED

MAR 1 1978

By Bob J. Mickelson

Director of Agriculture

Title

CODE REVISER'S OFFICE WSR 78-03-107

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AMENDATORY SECTION (Order 1503, filed 3/31/77)

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 and fescue - Maximum .02%

\*\*\* Must be free of dock, chickweed, crabgrass, plantain, short-awn foxtail, black medic, annual bluegrass, velvetgrass, and prohibited noxious weed seeds.

AMENDATORY SECTION (Order 1503, filed 3/31/77)

WAC 16-316-622 RYEGRASS STANDARDS. Seed standards for sod quality Ryegrass grass 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-11-3-12%, -NK-200-3%, and-Pe10-5%))

\*\*\* 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.~~))

AMENDATORY SECTION (Order 1462, filed 5/13/76)

WAC 16-316-625 SOD SEED ANALYSIS CERTIFICATE. A sod seed analysis certificate will be the basis of determining if a lot meets sod quality standards. This certificate consists of a purity analysis, a 25 gram

noxious all weed all crop exam, a 10 gram Poa annua check and a germination test on an official sample. (Except a 50 gram noxious all weed all crop exam will be required for Fescues and Ryegrass).



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

1. Rules pertaining to sod quality certification standards. (Statutory authority 15.49 RCW)
2. Amendment is to add and delete varieties.
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4. Proponents: Department of Agriculture  
Opponents: None
5. No agency comments