

State of Washington

Department of Agriculture

(agency name)

Administrative Order No. 1689

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

do promulgate and adopt at Olympia, Washington (place)

the annexed rules relating to:

Bentgrass and redtop seed certification standards in WAC 16-316-035; WAC 16-316-0451 and WAC 16-316-0601.

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

This action is taken pursuant to Notice No. WSR 80-04-126 filed with the code reviser on April 2, 1980. Such rules shall take effect:

- [X] 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, 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 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.

STATE OF WASHINGTON APPROVED AND ADOPTED May 30 19 80 FILED

MAY 30 1980

By Bob J. Mickelson Director of Agriculture

Title

CODE REVISER'S OFFICE

WSR 80-06-117



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For the purpose of legislative review of agency rules, the following statement is submitted.

1. Rules pertaining to production, certification and distribution of seed in Washington state (Statutory Authority RCW 15.49).
2. Amendments of the seed regulations included a forty percent increase in laboratory seed testing fees; amendments to regulations on seed quarantine, small grain seed labeling requirements, treated seed labeling requirements; and amendments to seed certification for clover, alfalfa, grass, bean, pea, lentil, soybean, small grain, tree seed, sod quality seed certification. New regulations were adopted for sod and sod seed certification standards.

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Opponents: None

5. No agency comments.

AMENDATORY SECTION - (Amending Order 1451, filed 5/13/76)

WAC 16-316-035 BENTGRASS AND REDTOP CERTIFICATION STANDARDS.

(1) The general seed certification standards are basic and together with the list of varieties eligible and the following specific regulations constitute the standards for bentgrass and redtop seed certification.

AMENDATORY SECTION - (Amending Order 1451, filed 5/13/76)

WAC 16-316-0451 LAND REQUIREMENTS. (1) A field to be eligible for production of foundation seed shall not have been grown or (~~have been~~) seeded to (~~bentgrass~~) an Agrostis species during the previous five years, and for the production of registered or certified seed shall not have been grown or (~~have-been~~) seeded to (~~bentgrass~~) an Agrostis species during the previous year unless the previous crop was of the same variety or strain and certified.

(2) Reseeding of a field because of failure or partial failure of the first seeding may be done with permission of the seed branch.

AMENDATORY SECTION - (Amending Order 1451, filed 5/13/76)

WAC 16-316-0601 SEED STANDARDS. Seed standards shall be as follows:

Specific Seed Standards	<u>Bentgrass</u>			
		<u>Foun-</u> <u>dation</u>	<u>Regis-</u> <u>tered</u>	<u>Certi-</u> <u>fied</u>
Pure Seed**	(Minimum)	98.00%	98.00%	98.00%
Other Crop Seed	(Maximum)	.20%	.20%	.60%
Inert Matter	(Maximum)	2.00%	2.00%	2.00%
Weed Seed	(Maximum)	.30%	.30%	.40%*
Germination	(Minimum)	85.00%	85.00%	85.00%

Specific Seed Standards	<u>Redtop</u>			
		<u>Foun-</u> <u>dation</u>	<u>Regis-</u> <u>tered</u>	<u>Certi-</u> <u>fied</u>
Pure Seed**	(Minimum)	96.00%	96.00%	92.00%
Other Crop Seed	(Maximum)	.20%	.20%	.60%
Inert Matter	(Maximum)	4.00%	4.00%	8.00%
Weed Seed	(Maximum)	.30%	.30%	.50%
Germination	(Minimum)	80.00%	80.00%	80.00%

(a) Blue tag (~~bentgrass~~) seed shall not contain over 900 seeds per pound, singly or collectively, of the following weeds: Plantain spp., Big Mouse-ear Chickweed, Yarrow, Spotted Cat's Ear, and Dandelion.

(b) (~~Bentgrass~~) Seed must not contain more than 90 per pound for blue tag, singly or collectively of objectionable weeds (see general rules). (~~Bentgrass~~) Seed must be free of the seed of weeds listed as prohibited noxious.

*A maximum of .50% weed seed will be allowed in bentgrass containing silver hairgrass providing the total of all other weed seed does not exceed .40%

** 1.50% other fine bentgrasses and .50% redtop will be allowed in certified bentgrass containing a minimum of 98.00% total bentgrass.