

INTERAGENCY CERTIFICATION REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES

Adopted by Idaho Crop Improvement Association, Inc.

I. Varieties Eligible.

Seed lots certified by official seed certifying agencies will be eligible for interagency certification.

The Idaho Crop Improvement Association, Inc. may refuse interagency certification of any seed lot if such seed does not meet the standards for certified seed grown in Idaho.

II. Agencies Eligible.

Only official seed certifying agencies 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 standards of AOSCA 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 field was inspected.

IV. Evidence of Seed Eligibility.

Seed to be recognized for interagency certification shall be received in containers carrying official certification tags or evidence of its eligibility from another certifying agency, including the following:

- A. Variety and kind.
- B. Amount of seed (pounds or bushels).
- C. Seed class eligibility (foundation, registered or certified).
- D. Inspection or lot number traceable to a certifying agency's records.

V. Prior Approval of Cooperating Certification Agencies.

No agency (within the limits of Section II, Interagency Certification) shall be required to obtain the prior approval of another agency to engage in interagency certification activities (unless the original certifying agency prohibits or limits by a statement on the tag) 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, blending or rebagging) and lot number of seed involved.

VI. Blending.

Lots of the same variety and class of seed originating in one state may be blended. Seed from two or more states shall not be blended without the prior approval of certifying agencies of each state concerned. If lots eligible for more than one seed class are blended, the lowest class shall be applied.

VII. Samples.

Samples of all incoming lots to be certified as well as the final certified lots shall be retained by the certifying agency.

VIII. Tags and Tagging.

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

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

IX. Fees.

Fees for sampling, tagging, sealing and checking records for interagency certification of seed conditioned in Idaho shall be at the same rate as used on Idaho grown seed.

All fees shall be paid by those requesting the service.

Production fee for seed shipped for processing will be based on the dirt weight when shipped.