

Certification Page Regular and Emergency Rules Revised September 2016

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pre	eviously addressed in whole or in p	part by prior rulemaking and does not include	rules adopted in	response to	a federal ma	andate.		
a.	Are these rules new as per the abo	ove description and the definition of "new" in C	Chapter 1 of the	Rules on Rul	es?			
	No. Yes. Please	provide the Enrolled Act Numbers and Years	Enacted:					
3.	Rule Type and Information	1						
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3. State Government Notice of Intended Rulemaking									
a. Date on which the Proposed Rule Packet (consisting of the Notice of Intent as per W.S. 16-3-103(a), Statement of Principal Reasons, strike and underscore format and a clean copy of each chapter of rules were: approved as to form by the Registrar of Rules; and provided to the Legislative Service Office and Attorney General:									
4. Public Notice of Intended Rulemaking									
a. Notice was mailed 45 days in advance to all persons who made a timely request for advance notice. No. Yes. N/A									
b. A public hearing was held on the proposed rules. No. Yes. Please complete the boxes below.									
Date: Time:		City:	Location:						
5. Final Filing of Rules									
a. Date on which the Certification Page with original signatures and final rules were sent to the									
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Legislative Service Office:	Legislative Service Office: June 29, 2017								
c. The Statement of Reasons is attached to this certification.									
6. Agency/Board Certification									
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Printed Name of Signatory	Doug Miyamoto								
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7. Governor's Certification									
I have reviewed these rules and determined that they: 1. Are within the scope of the statutory authority delegated to the adopting agency; 2. Appear to be within the scope of the legislative purpose of the statutory authority; and, if emergency rules, 3. Are necessary and that I concur in the finding that they are an emergency. Therefore, I approve the same.									
Governor's Signature									
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Statement of Reasons

The Department is proposing to amend Chapter 51 Regulations Pertaining to Seed Law upon request from the regulated seed industry, the Wyoming Crop Improvement Association; the Wyoming State Seed Lab; the Wyoming Department of Agriculture; and the Board of Agriculture. The Board of Agriculture on April 10, 2017 approved the request to amend the rules to add Ventenata Grass *Ventenata dubia* to the Wyoming Regulated Weed List at a tolerance of 1,200 seeds per pound.

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Summary of Comments and Responses Chapter 51 Regulations Pertaining to Seed Law

The comment period ended at 5 pm, June 28, 2017, for the Chapter 51 Regulations Pertaining to Seed Law.

Five comments were received regarding the rules, but no formal request for a public hearing was received. Comments are attached.

Three of the comments fully supported the revision to the rules as stated. One comment did not clearly state support, but was not negative. The comment stated that this was a good step forward, and that if the Weed & Pest Council were to elevate the weed species to a higher degree of regulatory oversight, then the seed rules should also recognize that and also follow suit.

The fifth comment, did not openly oppose the revision, but encouraged further amending the rule revisions to a stricter standard. This comment, while it has merit is not relevant to the procedures for seed laboratories. If a stricter standard is adopted, this would effectively make the move to adding Ventenata grass as a restricted seed, to a prohibited weed species. That is not the intent of this revision by request of the industry, keep in mind the procedural concerns as expressed by the seed laboratory as explained below:

The tolerance of 1,200 seeds per pound is due to seed testing practicalities. 1,200 seeds per pound sounds like a lot of seeds, but setting the standard lower than that would result in any seed sample that had one ventenata grass in the seed laboratory purity test working weight of 5 grams failing to meet state seed law. To set the standard lower than 1,200 per pound, or at 50 per pound as is the case with Restricted Noxious Weeds, would in fact have the same effect as placing it on the Prohibited Noxious Weed List, as any found in purity sample would mean the lot could not be sold in Wyoming. The 1,200 per pound tolerance will allow for one seed to be found in a purity sample, but two seeds in that same working weight would calculate to more than 1,200 per pound.

Based on the above comments, the Department found no revisions to the rules necessary, and the rules are approved as published for public comment.

For the Wyoming Department of Agriculture

Hank Uhden

Manager, Technical Services Division

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- (iii) When a seed bag is used, the weight information may appear on a seed tag rather than on the seed bag.
- **Section 12.** Altering of Tags or Labels. No tag or label attached or imprinted upon the exterior of the container or displayed on the container as required by W.S. 11-12-105, shall be altered or defaced in any manner. Any tag or label altered or defaced is voidable.
- **Section 13. Blank Spaces Defined.** Blank spaces are construed to mean "0.00" for the purpose of applying the tolerances prescribed in these regulations.
- **Section 14. Seed Laboratory Name Not Used in Advertising.** The name of the State Seed Laboratory shall not be used for advertising purposes in connection with seed analysis reports.

Section 15. Seed Cleaning Establishments.

- (a) To be licensed as a certified seed cleaner, seed cleaning establishments must meet the requirements set forth below.
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- (ii) A certified conditioner must have a designated person in charge of each facility and handling of certified seed. The designated person must be trained and have experience in handling, sampling, and labeling certified seed.
- (iii) All seed conditioning plants, including all seed handling equipment, will be thoroughly cleaned between each seed lot to prevent contamination or varietal mixture.
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- (i) Net weight is required on all containers and shall be clearly and plainly labeled.
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- (iii) When a seed bag is used, the weight information may appear on a seed tag rather than on the seed bag.
- **Section 12.** Altering of Tags or Labels. No tag or label attached or imprinted upon the exterior of the container or displayed on the container as required by W.S. 11-12-105, shall be altered or defaced in any manner. Any tag or label altered or defaced is voidable.
- **Section 13.** Blank Spaces Defined. Blank spaces are construed to mean "0.00" for the purpose of applying the tolerances prescribed in these regulations.
- **Section 14. Seed Laboratory Name Not Used in Advertising.** The name of the State Seed Laboratory shall not be used for advertising purposes in connection with seed analysis reports.

Section 15. Seed Cleaning Establishments.

- (a) To be licensed as a certified seed cleaner, seed cleaning establishments must meet the requirements set forth below.
- (i) The approval status of all certified conditioners will be reviewed annually by the Wyoming Seed Certification Service. All approved plants are subject to inspection during normal business hours.
- (ii) A certified conditioner must have a designated person in charge of each facility and handling of certified seed. The designated person must be trained and have experience in handling, sampling, and labeling certified seed.
- (iii) All seed conditioning plants, including all seed handling equipment, will be thoroughly cleaned between each seed lot to prevent contamination or varietal mixture.
- (iv) All seed cleaning establishments must keep complete and accurate records showing identity, origin, every process, and every movement of each lot of seed from the time of receipt until delivery. These records must be maintained for 7 (seven) years.

- (v) Federal and state seed laws and Wyoming certification standards must be complied with in the production, cleaning, labeling, sampling, shipment, and sale of certified seed.
- (vi) All seed conditioners shall properly contain weed seed to prevent spread and proliferation of weeds.
- (vii) If no approved seed conditioning plant is located within one-hundred fifty miles (150 miles) hauling distance of a seed grower, a non-approved plant may be approved on a one-time basis only to clean that lot of seed for that particular grower. A thorough inspection must be conducted by the Seed Certification Service and an inspection fee must be paid before that lot of seed may be cleaned.
- (viii) Conditioners must comply with all appropriate regulations and standards outlined in the Wyoming Certified Seed Handbook with respect to conditioning specific crops. The Wyoming Certified Seed Handbook as revised in February 2007 is adopted, but does not include any later amendments or editions. Copies are available for public inspection and may be purchased at cost from the Wyoming Seed Certification Service, 747 Road 9, Powell, Wyoming 82435, http://wyseedcert.com/; or the Wyoming Department of Agriculture, 2219 Carey Avenue, Cheyenne, WY 82002, http://wyagric.state.wy.us/.
- (b) All seed cleaning establishments shall adhere to Wyoming seed law and these regulations.
- Section 16. Adoption of Federal Seed Act Regulations, 7 CFR 201.38 through 201.76. The Federal Seed Act Regulations, 7 CFR 201.38 through 201.76, currently in effect and not including any later amendments or editions are adopted. Copies are available for public inspection and may be purchased at cost from the Wyoming Department of Agriculture, 2219 Carey Avenue, Cheyenne, WY 82002, http://wyagric.state.wy.us/ and may also be inspected at the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal Plant Health Inspection Service, Plant Protection and Quarantine, 5353 Yellowstone Road, Suite 208, Cheyenne, WY 82002, http://www.aphis.usda.gov/wps/portal/aphis/ourfocus/planthealth?1dmy&urile=wcm%3Apath%3A%2Faphis_content_library%2Fsa_our_focus%2Fsa_plant_health%2Fsa_program_overview%2Fct_sphd; the Wyoming Seed Certification Service, http://wyseedcert.com/ or the University of Wyoming Agriculture Experiment Station, http://www.uwyo.edu/uwexpstn/centers/powell/, both located at 747 Road 9, Powell, WY 82345.