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To: Oregon Certified Seed Warehouses/Seed Contractors and other interested parties

Re: OECD Lot Size Changes

We have been notified by Dr. Fawad Shah of the USDA Seed Regulatory and Testing Division that the accepted lot size for OECD herbage seed lots has been increased from 10,000 kg to 25,000 kg, with a 5% tolerance. This would mean Oregon OECD herbage seed lots of Poaceae species would be limited to a maximum size of 57,500 lbs. The exact wording for these and other species is in the 2015 OECD Seed Schemes on page 52, Specific Rules and Regulations, section 2 as follows:

2 Lot size

2.1 For seeds the size of wheat, or larger, one seed lot shall not exceed 20 000 kg; for seeds smaller than wheat, one seed lot shall not exceed 10 000 kg. For seeds to be fastened as not finally certified seed, these maximum seed lot sizes do not apply .

The maximum lot size of the following species shall be raised to 30 000 kg:

Cicer arietinum L. Glycine max (L.) Merr. Lens culinaris Medik. Lupinus albus L. Lupinus angustifolius L. Lupinus luteus L. Phaseolus vulgaris L. Pisum sativum L. sensu lato Vicia benghalensis L. Vicia faba L. Vicia pannonica Crantz Vicia sativa L. [inc. Vicia angustifolia (L.)] Vicia villosa Roth Vigna angularis (Willd.) Ohwi & H. Ohashi Vigna mungo (L.) Hepper Vigna radiata (L.) R. Wilczek Vigna unguiculata (L.) Walp.

2.2 Herbage seed lots of Poaceae species may have a maximum size of 25 000 kg if produced according to international methods.

2.3 Seed in excess of the maxima set out in the previous paragraph above shall be divided into lots no larger than those, each lot being identified according to Rule 9.1 as a separate seed lot.

2.4 A tolerance of five per cent on these maxima is permissible.

These rules are in effect for all warehouses approved for conditioning Oregon certified seed. Please contact the OSCS office if you have any questions with regard to this change.