

**SCAC sub committee Meeting on labeling of bulk bags for transfer
January 13th, 2016, Crop Science Building, Corvallis OR**

Members present: Kevin Loe, Jake Stockfleth, Mike Coon, Warren Dole

Members Absent: Karl Detwyler

Guests Present: Dennis Lundeen and Rachel Hankins

1. Meeting began and Rachel presented a suggestion from OSCS (see attached Agenda).
2. After discussion from various members, it was decided to add in a clarifying sentence of “Bulk bags or boxes that will be transferred for further conditioning within Oregon without stenciled lot numbers must obtain prior approval from Oregon Seed Certification.” Also the handbook would be re-organized (See Attachment 1) to allow for a separate section with information on bulk bags.
3. Further clarification will be added to the “Samplers and Taggers Guide.”

Samplers Guide in Appendix #2 “Reuse of Bulk Bags...”

Movement of lots Without Stenciled Lot Numbers:

Bulk bags or boxes that will be moved for further conditioning from one Oregon Approved Certified Warehouse to another without stenciled lot numbers, requires prior approval from the Oregon Seed Certification Service, and an additional signed agreement. Requirements include the following:

- Each container must have two labels with the lot number in large enough font for easy identification.
 - One label must be permanently affixed by sewing, or adhesive labels when appropriate.
 - A second label must be visible to the sampler when they are sampling the lot. A plastic pouch, or some other approved attachment will be considered.
 - The requesting warehouse will provide pictures of their proposal with the application and must have approval prior to moving seed by this method.
 - Stenciled lot numbers placed directly on the container is a requirement for all Oregon Certified seed before tag attachment. Any lots shipped out of state by the above method will be considered uncertified, and warehouse approval for this method of moving seed will be revoked.
4. Members agreed to review the proposal and send it to the full committee for review and approval prior to the Certification Board meeting in February.
 5. Vote taken via email (1/26/16) for the proposal passed with all respondents in favor, requesting that we review the system at our next meeting.

Attachment 1

B. Storage and Conditioning

1. All warehouses conditioning certified seed must be inspected and approved.
 - a. All warehouses conditioning or blending seed eligible for Oregon Certification shall be inspected and approved by a representative of the Oregon Seed Certification staff. Evidence of facilities and records to adequately maintain identity and separation of varieties will be required. b. Applications for warehouse approval shall be filed with the Oregon Seed Certification Service Office no later than four months prior to receiving seed that is eligible for certification to allow time for inspection. Seed Certification can re-assign the code of old warehouses that have been out of business for at least ten years or get permission from the previous owners if it is less than ten years.
2. Identity, purity, and uniformity of certified seed must be maintained at all times.
 - a. Lot uniformity is the responsibility of the seed conditioner. Appropriate steps in seed storage, conditioning, and handling must be taken to assure uniformity.
 - b. Mode of operation and facilities must be such that conditioning and/or storage is performed without introducing admixtures. Evidence of varietal mixture in a seed lot may constitute a basis for further investigation or rejection.
 - c. Certified seed bags prior to sampling for seed quality must be identified with a permanent lot number stenciled on each bag. In instances where stenciling is not feasible, adhesive lot number identification tags may be allowed, with prior approval by Oregon Seed Certification. The lot number must indicate the county of production, warehouse number where seed was conditioned, year of harvest and with the last part of the lot number assigned by the warehouse/conditioner for identification of individual lot. Example: B8-15-XXXX where, "B8" represents the warehouse/conditioner number assigned by the Seed Certification Office, "15" indicates the year the crop was harvested and "XXXX" represents the location where the warehouse can assign their own identification number for specific lot identity. Sewn on or attached lot numbered tags are not acceptable.
 - d. Re-use of fifty pound polypropylene bags for conditioned grass seed may be allowed for Oregon Certification with prior approval by Oregon Certification and may only be used for internal handling of seed (contact Certification Office for current procedures). Bagged Foundation or Registered cereal seed must be in new bags; bagged Certified class seed must be in new or cleaned used bags. Paper bags should not be re-used when a certification lot is re-cleaned. In all cases, the lot number must be clearly visible and legible.
 - e. Oregon lot size is regulated by State Seed Law on certain seed crops. See section IX, E.

f. OECD lot size: See section IX, G.

3. Bulk Containers

a. Only clean bulk containers may be used in conditioning certified seed. Conditioned grass seed is to be packaged in new containers. Re-use of bulk bags for conditioned grass seed may be allowed for Oregon Certification with prior approval by Oregon Certification (contact Certification Office for current procedures).

b. Bulk bags or boxes that will be moved for further conditioning from one Oregon Approved Certified Warehouse to another without stenciled lot numbers, must obtain prior approval from the Oregon Seed Certification Service.

4. Complete records of all operations involving certified