

## **INTERAGENCY CERTIFICATION**

### Provisions and Procedures

Interagency certification may be accomplished by participation of more than one official certifying agency in performing the services required to certify a seed lot.

- a. The certifying agency issuing labels for all classes of certified seed shall require the seed on which the labels are used to meet standards at least equal to the minimum genetic standards for the seed in question as specified in the Federal Seed Act rules and regulations. Seed that is re-bagged, blended, or put into a mixture of certified seed for Oregon Interagency Certification must have an all-states noxious weed seed examination\* in addition to meeting either another agency's or Oregon's certification field and seed standards, prior to approval.
- b. Seed to be recognized for interagency certification must be received in containers carrying official certification labels or if shipped for conditioning, evidence of its eligibility from another official certifying agency, together with the following information:
  1. Variety (if certified as to variety) and kind
  2. Quantity of seed (pounds or bushels)
  3. Class of certified seed
  4. Inspection or Lot number traceable to the previous certifying agency's records
- c. Each label used in interagency certification shall be serially numbered or shall carry the certification identity number and clearly identify the certifying agencies involved, the variety (if certified as to variety), kind, and class of certified seed.

### **Procedures**

#### **If the Lot is to be re-bagged:**

1. Upload the following in eCertification (under Miscellaneous, "Upload Certification Document Requested by OSCS"):
  - a. Copy of a current certification tag or shipping certificate, issued by the original certifying agency
  - b. Copy of the final certified test report issued by the original certifying agency, including the results of an all-states noxious weed exam

**\*If an all-states noxious weed exam was not conducted on the original certification sample** you may:

  - Contact the original seed testing facility and request that the test be performed on their file sample, or
  - Draw a representative sample from your current inventory and request the exam from the OSU Seed Laboratory or a local Registered Seed Technologist.
  - Request that OSCS evaluate an equivalent exam (e.g. crop and weed exam, or ISTA Complete Other Seed Determination). Depending on the type of test and the sample size, OSCS may consider it in lieu of an all-states noxious weed exam.
2. Complete the *Request for Reissue of Certification Tags*
3. Retain all certification tags removed from the original bags, bundled by lot number. **DO NOT SEND LOOSE TAGS.**
4. Forward to the Seed Certification Service office within 10 days of completing the re-bagging process:
  - a. Copy of the approved *Request for Reissue of Certification Tags*, listing the final lot size
  - b. All certification tags removed from the original bags, bundled by lot number
  - c. All extra certification tags issued by the Oregon Seed Certification Service not needed to cover the expected gain.

#### **If the lot is to be included in a certified mixture, blend, or augmented lot:**

Refer to the *Provisions and Procedures* for certified mixtures and blends.

#### **If the Lot is received in bulk for further conditioning:**

You will need a copy of the Shipping or Transfer Certificate issued by the original certifying agency.

**Fees apply for process review and tag reissuance. Please refer to our website or handbook for current fees.**