

## **CERTIFIED AUGMENTED SEED LOTS**

### Provisions and Procedures

#### **Definition**

Eligible seed lots of one crop kind and variety mixed and homogenized to form a larger lot of uniform quality that meets Oregon Seed Certification Service (OSCS) standards. Each component seed lot must be derived from a certified field; however, it does not necessarily need to meet the seed standards for a certification class.

#### **Procedures:**

1. Document availability of all component lots (see “General Provisions” below).
2. Submit a completed Approval Request for Processed Lot through eCertification.
3. Download or print the approved Request for Processed Lot .PDF.
4. Destroy all certification tags for each component lot used in the augmented seed lot.
5. Request that your county certification sampler draw a certified sample of the final augmented lot for testing (see “Conditioning and Testing Requirements” below).
6. Request tags from OSCS once the augmented lot eligibility is established (see “Tagging Provisions” below).
7. Upload a signed copy of the approval form to eCertification, indicating that any original tags have been destroyed.

#### **General Provisions:**

1. Certified augmented seed lots may only be mixed at OSCS-approved seed conditioning facilities.
2. OSCS must approve Request for Processed Lot prior to blending the seed lots.
3. Augmented lots can be prepared for any class of certified seed; however, the lowest class shall apply when seed lots of different classes are blended together.
4. Augmenting may be approved to upgrade eligible seed lots of lower seed quality.
5. The augmented lot number must adhere to the following format: (a)A - (bb) - (c) where:
  - (a)A = The warehouse designation assigned by OSCS for the blending facility, followed by "A" to identify the lot as an augmented lot;
  - (bb) = The last two digits of the current calendar year;
  - (c) = A sequence of letters and/or numerals assigned by the requesting company.
6. The availability of all component lots must be documented to OSCS before tags are issued for the augmented lot. The method depends upon the particular circumstance:
  - a. If the component lot is an Oregon lot, the weight is documented with the OSU Seed Lab sample.
  - b. If the component lot is from out of state, the weight is documented with interagency certification. Please refer to Interagency Certification Provisions and Procedures (available on the OSCS website).
7. Lots may not exceed the size limits established for particular crops by the Oregon Seed Law (Chapter 603, paragraphs 56-125). Most grass and clover lots are limited to 55,000 pounds. There is no size limit for grain lots. OECD seed lots may not exceed 55,000 pounds for grass species (44,000 pounds if the seed size is the same as, or larger than, a kernel of wheat). A tolerance of five percent is permitted on this maximum.
8. If the final augmented lot weight exceeds the sum of the component poundage by more than five percent the requesting company must submit a written justification and revised Request for Processed Lot Approval to OSCS for review.
9. Interagency certification of component lots is accomplished according to the provisions set forth in the Oregon Certified Seed Handbook (see “Conditioning and Testing Requirements”).
10. The requesting company, or its representative, must maintain all records related to the mixing and distribution of the augmented lot and the acquisition of its components. These records must be provided to OSCS upon request.
11. Certification of the augmented lot is completed when all required materials are submitted to OSCS (see “Procedures” #7), and tags have been attached.
12. Failure to meet the requirements of these Provisions and Procedures for certified augmented seed lots may result in the recall of certification tags or a loss of certification privileges.

### **Conditioning and Testing Requirements:**

1. An augmented seed lot composed solely of previously certified seed, must be sampled and tested for purity. A certified sample must be drawn by your county certification sampler and tested according to OSCS provisions. If 18 months have passed since the last viability test of any of the component lots, the blend sample must also be tested for viability. When completing the Sample Certificate for the blended lot, leave the "Grower" and "Field Number" entries blank, and list the "Sample Category" as "Resample" and the "Sample Class" as "Augmented."
2. The seed quality weighted averages for the proposed augmented lot must meet the seed standards for the particular certified class. If not, the component lots or final augmented lot must be cleaned at the time of mixing.
3. Component lots containing prohibited noxious weed seeds on the purity test may not be included in an augmented lot until conditioned, tested and qualified. Prohibited weed seeds are designated in the Oregon State Seed Law and by the Association of Official Seed Certifying Agencies, and are listed in the Oregon Certified Seed Handbook.
4. Component lots requiring interagency certification must have an all-states noxious weed seed or equivalent exam, and meet another agency's or Oregon's certification standards, to qualify for immediate eligibility.

### **Tagging Provisions and Requirements:**

1. The issuance of certification tags is based on component lot eligibility, qualifying seed tests for the augmented lot, and compliance with these Provisions and Procedures for certified augmented seed lots.
2. Certified tags may be issued for the augmented lot in advance of a completed purity test if all of the component seed lots meet the requirements for an OSCS certification tag and a certified sample is received for testing.
3. Advance Tagging provisions may apply.
4. All component lot certification tags must be destroyed, and a signed approval form uploaded within 10 days of completing the augmented lot.