

## CERTIFIED MIXTURES OR BLENDS

### Provisions and Procedures

#### Definition

Certified seed lots of two or more crop kinds mixed and labeled as “Mixture of Certified Seed” (blue tag). Certified seed lots of two or more varieties of the same crop kind are blended and labeled as “Blend of Certified [Species]. Varieties currently listed in the Oregon Seed Certification Service (OSCS) program as “Experimental” cannot be included in a certified mixture or blend. Varieties must be eligible for the type of tag requested (e.g., OECD-only varieties are not eligible to be included in AOSCA mixtures).

#### Procedures

1. Document availability of all component lots (see “General Provisions” below). Refer to these documents as applicable: Interagency Certification Provisions and Procedures, Certified Mixtures or Blends Provisions and Procedures, and Certified Augmented Seed Lots Provisions and Procedures (available on the OSCS website).
2. Login to eCertification Online Services, and submit a request for reissue using “Request Approval for Processed Lots.”
  - a. All components must have a viability test completed within the past 18 months. Upload an updated viability test from an outside lab if needed.
  - b. You may request up to 5% more pounds/tags to cover expected gains from the repackaging process.
3. Download or print the approved Request for Processed Lot .PDF.
4. Destroy all original certification tags for all component lots used in the mixture or blend.
5. Upload the following to the eCertification portal within **10 days** of completing the packaging and tagging process:
  - a. Signed copy of the approval form with the final lot weight and sack/container count listed.
    - o By signing the approval form, you agree to destroy the original tags, if any, that were attached to the components, and any extra certification tags issued by OSCS that are not needed to cover the expected gain.
  - b. Copy of the analysis label for final mixture/blend. It is acceptable to include this on the approval form as long as no information from the form is obscured.

#### General Provisions

1. Certified mixtures or blends may only be mixed/blended at OSCS-approved seed conditioning facilities.
2. Mixtures and blends must be approved by OSCS prior to mixing/blending the seed lots.
3. Refer to these documents as applicable: Interagency Certification Provisions and Procedures and What Component Lots Are Allowed in a Processed Lot? (available on the OSCS website).
4. The mixture’s lot number must adhere to the following format: (a)M-(bb)-(c); the blend’s lot number must adhere to the following format: (a)B-(bb)-(c) where:
  - (a) = The warehouse designation assigned by OSCS for the mixing facility, followed by “M” to identify the lot as a mixture or “B” to identify the lot as a blend;
  - (bb) = The last two digits of the current calendar year;
  - (c) = A sequence of letters and/or numerals assigned by the requesting company.
5. The availability of all component lots must be documented to OSCS before tags are issued for the mixture/blend. 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).
6. The Request for Mixture Approval or Blend must accurately reflect the intended mixture/blend. Any change concerning the component lots, their tag status, the intended mixture weight, sack count, or lot number requires the submission and approval of a revised Request for Processed Lot. One revision can be done using eCertification as long as tags have not been printed. If additional revisions are needed, please make the changes on the form by hand, and scan it to seedcertrequests@oregonstate.edu.
7. Lots may not exceed the size limits established for the particular crop by the Oregon State Seed Law (OAR 603-056-0125). Most grass and clover lots are limited to 55,000 pounds. A tolerance of five percent is permitted on this maximum.

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