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Notice of Changes in *Circular 6* *(Regulations and Procedures for Pedigreed Seed Crop Production)* **Effective in 2015**

This annual *Notice of Changes* is sent to CSGA-recognized plant breeders, pedigreed seed crop growers, crop certificate assignees and seed crop inspectors who were active in 2013 and 2014.

By February 1, 2015, a complete revised 2015 version of the *Regulations and Procedures for Pedigreed Seed Crop Production (Circular 6)* is available on the [CSGA website](#) and hardcopy versions are available from the CSGA office.

Effective in 2015, the following changes are made in the CSGA *Regulations and Procedures for Pedigreed Seed Crop Production (Circular 6)*:

1. **“Field” Definition** importance on applications for crop certification is clarified and more communications are planned. Separate applications are required if fields are managed separately, separated by large physical barriers or clearly not contiguous or adjacent. (Section 1.6.1 and Application Support Document)
2. **Select Seed Certification Eligibility Requirements** are updated to recognize the trend toward more transfers of Select seed. The eligibility of other plot producers' Select seed, for Select Plot production, is clarified for accredited plot producers. (Section 1.12.4. a))
3. **Land Use Inspections for Select Plot Production**, to verify previous land use compliance, are no longer prohibited. (Sections 1.17.7, 12.4.3)
4. **Fababean Isolation Requirements** from different varieties or non-pedigreed crops of fababeans, are increased to 100 meters for Select plot production and 10 meters for production of Foundation, Registered and Certified crops. (Sections 3.4.2, 12.6.2)
5. **“Same Crop Kind” in Forage Crop Isolation Requirements** is clarified for cross-pollinated species with the addition of interpretation examples. (Section 6.5.1)
6. **Corn border row and Tobacco Isolation Requirements** are revised to ensure equivalence and compliance with revisions of AOSCA requirements in 2014. (Sections 8.5.2, 18.5.1)
7. **Hemp Plot Isolation Requirement** between Foundation plots of the same dioecious-type varieties is decreased to 3 meters. (Tables 11.6.2, 11.9)
8. **Probation Plot Requirement for Same Crop Kind** throughout the probation plot production period is clarified. (Sections 12.2.7, 13.2.7)
9. **Borage Crop Certification Standards**, based on CSGA standards for Niger seed crops, are approved and meet the requirements of the OECD Seed Schemes. (Section 14.14)