

Notice of Changes to **Circular 6** (*Canadian Regulations and Procedures for Pedigreed Seed Crop Production*) **Effective in 2018**

The following changes were approved by the CSGA Board of Directors to become effective in 2018. A complete revised 2018 version of the *Canadian 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 2018, the following changes are made to the *Canadian Regulations and Procedures for Pedigreed Seed Crop Production (Circular 6)*:

1. **Weed Regulations for all crop kinds** are revised by removing the statement “all crops for pedigree should be free of Primary noxious weeds” and clarifying that very weedy crops “will” be declined pedigree status. (All Sections)
2. **Isolation Requirements for Foundation, Registered and Certified production of Cereal, Flax, Pulse and Soybean** are revised. For **mechanical** (other kind) purity; a) the standard is revised from 3 to 2 meters and b) a definite physical barrier is permitted in lieu of the required isolation. For **varietal** purity 3 meters is still required to different varieties of the same kind, but staking is permitted between pedigree seed crops of the same variety. (Section 2.4.1, Table 2.4.2, Table 2.6.1, Section 3.4.1 and Table 3.4.2)
3. **Maximum Varietal Impurity Standards for Registered and Certified Production of Barley, Buckwheat, Canaryseed, Durum, Flax, Oat, Rye and Triticale** are revised. The standard for off-types or other varieties of the same crop kind are revised as follows: a) **Registered** from 1 to 3; b) **Certified** from 5 to 8. (Table 2.4.4 and Table 2.6.2)
4. **Land Requirements for Certified Crops of Herbicide Tolerant Soybean Varieties** are clarified and simplified. The intent of the regulation does not change. (Section 3.2.6)
5. **Timing of Crop Inspection for Fababean, Chickpea, Lentil, Lupin, Bean and Pea** are simplified. (Section 3.3.5)
6. **Maximum Varietal Impurity Standards for Fababean and Soybean** are revised. The standards for off-types or other varieties of the same kind are revised as follows: a) **Foundation Fababean** from 1 to 5; b) **Registered Fababean** from 2 to 10; c) **Certified Fababean** from 5 to 20; d) **Foundation Soybean** from 2 to 10; e) **Registered Soybean** from 4 to 20; f) **Certified Soybean** from 20 to 30. (Table 3.4.4)
7. **Maximum Varietal Impurity Standard for Soybean Plots** is revised from 2 to 10. (Section 12.6.4b)
8. **Mustard and Radish definition** are added to the introduction of Section 5.
9. **Land Requirements for Canola, Mustard, Radish and Rapeseed** are revised to include land which has “been planted with” canola, mustard, radish or rapeseed in prior years, even if a crop wasn’t actually “produced”. (Section 4.2, 5.3 and 13.4)

10. **Isolation Requirements for Canola, Mustard, Radish and Rapeseed** are revised to further define the level of harmful contaminants permitted within the isolation and to clarify that the stage of maturity of the contaminants is relevant to the risk posed to varietal purity. (Section 4.4.1, 5.5.1 and 13.6.1)
11. **List of species considered “harmful contaminants” for Canola, Mustard, Radish and Rapeseed** production is revised to remove *R. raphanistrum*, *R. sativus* and *S. alba* and to add *B. carinata*. (Section 4.5.4, 5.6.2 and 13.8.3)
12. **Land Use Requirements for Grasses** is revised with the addition of 6.2.5 to provide the opportunity for portions of the seed crop to be reseeded in the case of poor establishment. (Section 6.2.5)
13. **Age of Stand Requirements for Grasses and Legumes** is revised with clarification that the age of stand may be extended with permission from CSGA. (Section 6.4.4 and 7.4.3)
14. **Grass and Legume Isolation Requirements** are revised to further define the level of contaminants permitted within the isolation for grasses and to clarify that the stage of maturity of the contaminants is relevant to the risk posed to varietal purity for legumes. (Section 6.5.1 and 7.5.1)
15. **10% Rule for Creeping Red Fescue and Alfalfa** is revised to include a new diagram and a simpler explanation of how the rule is to be applied **and the rule is extended to Timothy**. (Section 6.5.5 and 7.5.4)
16. **Maximum Varietal and Mechanical Impurity Standards for Foundation Production of Grasses and Legumes** is revised to from 1 plant per 100 square meters (0.1%) to 3 plants per 100 square meters (0.3%). (Section 6.5.7a and 7.5.6a)
17. **Monoecious and Dioecious Industrial Hemp** is divided into two parts in Section 10.
18. **Land Use Requirements for Certified Production of Industrial Hemp** is revised to reduce the number of years required free from non-pedigreed or different varieties of hemp. (Table 10.2.2)
19. **Timing and Number of Crop Inspections for Registered and Certified Industrial Hemp** is revised and separated for monoecious vs dioecious varieties. (Section 10.3.4 and 10.3.5)
20. **Isolation Requirements for Foundation plot production of Industrial Hemp** is revised with the addition of 11.5.8 specifying that the plot must be presented in a manner that allows the inspector to access and inspect the crop. (Section 11.5.8)
21. **Isolation Requirements for Registered and Certified production of Dioecious Industrial Hemp** is revised and the isolation to other fields of the same variety is clarified. (Table 10.4.2)
22. **Maximum Impurity Standards for Certified Production of Industrial Hemp** is revised from 10 to 20. The reference to harmful contaminants is removed and it is clarified that the impurity standard is for off-types or other varieties in Section 10 and 11. (Section 10.4.4, Section 11.6.4, Table 10.4.4 and Table 11.6.4)