

Notice of Changes to *Circular 6* (*Canadian Regulations and Procedures for Pedigreed Seed Crop Production*) Effective in 2021

The following changes were approved by the CSGA Board of Directors to become effective in 2021. The official complete revised 2021 version of the *Canadian Regulations and Procedures for Pedigreed Seed Crop Production* (Circular 6) is available on the CSGA website and a hardcopy version is available from the CSGA office upon request.

Effective in 2021, the following changes are made to the *Canadian Regulations and Procedures for Pedigreed Seed Crop Production* (Circular 6):

1. **Requirements for Plot Grower Accreditation** are revised regarding: (a) prior experience required to commence probation, including the type of crops which have been previously produced; (b) the size of probation plots; and (c) the length of probation. (Section 1, General Requirements for Probation Plot Production 1. (3, 4) Qualifications, 2. (5) Parent Seed Source and Status of Plots During Probation, 3. (1) Area of Probation Plots)
2. **Requirements for Foundation Status Seed Production** are revised to permit Foundation production of all Section 2 and 3 crop kinds by all seed growers. (Section 1, General Requirements for All Pedigreed Seed Crops, 15. (4, 5) Seed Classes and Generations and Specific Requirements under first sub-heading for barley, bean etc.)
3. Text related to the **Application for Seed Crop Certification** is revised to clarify that the *Application for CSGA Seed Crop Certification* shall be submitted to the CSGA in the name of the seed grower producing the seed crop from sowing to harvest. Housekeeping revisions were made to: (a) specify that a crop certificate will be issued in the name of the seed grower as indicated on the *Application for CSGA Seed Crop Certification*; (b) specify that the grower of a pedigreed seed crop may assign the crop certificate to an assignee; and (c) correct the definition of a seed grower to reference the "applicant for certification" and the "*Canadian Regulations and Procedures for Pedigreed Seed Crop Production*". (Section 1, General Requirements for All Pedigreed Seed Crops, 2.(2), Application for CSGA Seed Crop Certification and CSGA Membership Application/Renewal, 4.(1) Crop Certificates, 5.(1) Assignment of Crop Certificates, Glossary of Terms)
4. **CSGA Authority to Determine Seed Crop Certification Eligibility** is clarified with the addition of text specifying that the CSGA reserves the right to withhold and/or recall the crop certificate for seed crops where CSGA has reasonable grounds to believe that there is a varietal identity or varietal purity issue with either the parent seed, the seed crop or the seed harvested from the crop. The evidence may include, but is not limited to, information obtained through CFIA oversight and monitoring activities. (Section 1, General Requirements for All Pedigreed Seed Crops, 3. (4) Determination of Eligibility, Status and Class)
5. **Isolation Requirements for Select Plots** are revised to clarify that except for Bean plots for which this is not permitted, a 1-meter (3 feet) isolation strip is required between plots of the

same variety and between plots and the adjacent pedigreed seed crops providing that the adjacent seed crops were planted: (a) with the same seed; and (b) on land with the same previous land use history. (Section 1, General Requirements for Plot Production, 3. (1) Isolation for Select Plots)

6. **Isolation Requirements for Probation Plots** of Section 12 crop kinds is clarified with the addition of text like the Select plot requirements. (Section 1, General Requirements for Probation Plot Production, 4. (1- 4) Isolation for Probation Plots)
7. **NEW Certification Requirements for Composite and Synthetic Mustard (*S. alba*) for Certified production** of composite and synthetic *S. alba* (Section 5) and for **Foundation Plot Production** of the parent seed for composite and synthetic *S. alba*. (Section 13)
8. **NEW Certification Requirements for Feminized Hemp Seed (FHS) for Certified production** of FHS varieties which produce only female plants. (Section 10)

A guideline document is also available on the CSGA website.

9. **NEW Certification Requirements for Certified Production of Hybrid Wheat** with Individual Parent Lines (Section 2). **Revised Certification Requirements for Certified Production of Hybrid Wheat** with Blended Parent Lines: (a) to permit production of the Select Hybrid Cereal Parent (HCP) by or under the supervision of a CSGA recognized plant breeder; (b) to clarify that the Select Technical Blend (TB) is a “seed” requirement and requires a Select TB crop certificate number; (c) to clarify the area of Select HCP plots, the number of plots, and total acreage of plots permitted; and (d) to clarify that border rows do not need to meet the isolation requirements if not harvested for seed (Section 2). **Revised Certification Requirements for Plot Production of Parent Seed of Hybrid Wheat** to reduce the number of inspections required for plots containing the male sterile (female seed parent) A-line and to reflect the revisions made for Certified production of the hybrid described above. (Section 12)

A guideline document is also available on the CSGA website.

10. **Higher Voluntary or Addition Certification Requirements (HVR/ACR)** are revised with the addition of text stipulating that where the Breeder/Variety Developer or Variety Distributor specifies that a laboratory test shall be completed on a representative sample of the harvested seed prior to certification of the seed crop, the CSGA shall withhold the crop certificate, pending receipt of satisfactory test results from a laboratory recognized by the Breeder/Variety Developer or Variety Distributor as defined in the higher voluntary or additional certification requirement as well as several “housekeeping” revisions. (Section 1, General Requirements for All Pedigreed Seed Crops, 23. (1-5) Higher Voluntary or Additional Certification Requirements)

The definitions of HVR and ACR have also been added to the Glossary of Terms. (Section 1)

11. Text regarding **Authorized Inspectors and Crop Inspection** is revised to clarify that: (a) authorized inspectors include official CFIA inspectors and Licensed Seed Crop Inspectors (LSCI) operating under the supervision of an Authorized Seed Crop Inspection Service (ASCIS); (b) pedigreed seed crops must be inspected by an authorized inspector; (c) the different types of inspection and which inspectors are authorized to conduct each type of inspection; and (d) the intended purpose of the crop report. Text is also added to provide CSGA with the flexibility to accept an inspection report from an individual who is not an authorized inspector in exceptional circumstances. (Section 1, General Requirements for All Pedigreed Seed Crops, 17. (1, 7, 8, 9) Crop Inspection and Glossary of Terms)