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Proposed Circular 6 Update: Housekeeping Revisions

With the support of the Regulatory Services Committee and the Board of Directors, the following **Housekeeping Revisions** are being made to the *Canadian Regulations and Procedures for Pedigreed Seed Crop Production* (Circular 6) **effective February 1, 2026**. In accordance with CSGA's *Housekeeping Revision Policy*, CSGA is providing this notice of change and posting the notice on CSGA's website for a 45-day comment period.

For questions about these revisions, please contact [Gail Harris](#).

1. Reference to minimum standards **for mechanical purity for imported parent seed** is removed from Circular 6 as it is not seed crop certification requirement (but remains a requirement in the *Seeds Regulations*). (10.(1) General Requirements for All Pedigreed Seed Crops)

10. Imported Parent Seed

- (1) Parent seed imported into Canada must meet the minimum standards ~~for mechanical purity~~ as described by the *Seeds Regulations*. Imported seed is also subject to the *Plant Protection Act* and other regulatory requirements.
2. The **definition of 'off-type'** is revised to clarify what constitutes an off-type – specifically, the plants that inspectors report during seed crop inspections as not being true to the variety. (Glossary of Terms)
Off type – A pPlants of the same species within a seed field crop that differs ~~which deviate~~ in one or more **distinct or readily observable** characteristics from the **norm of the variety as described in the** official description of the variety.
3. The **definition of 'crop certificate'** is revised to reference the French terminology used in the *Seeds Regulations*. (Glossary of Terms – **French version only**)
Certificat de culture – Document délivré par l'ACPS attestant que les cultures identifiées sont conformes aux normes de l'ACPS pour la classe désignée. (*Certificat de récolte dans le Règlement sur les semences*)
4. **Isolation requirements for Certified production of dioecious and monoecious Industrial Hemp varieties** are revised to include a footnote clarifying that the pedigree of the seed used to plant adjacent crops of the same variety must be established. (Sections 10 & 11)

Dioecious - Certified

2. Varietal Purity – Certified	Distance
a. Seed crop of same variety that meets Certified standards for varietal purity	1 meter (3 feet)
b. Planted with pedigreed seed** of same variety that meets Certified standards for varietal purity	200 meters (656 feet)
c. Different varieties of Industrial Hemp or non-pedigreed Industrial Hemp	800 meters (2624 feet)

* There must not be any Industrial Hemp plants within 100 m of the crop and not more than 10 plants/ha beyond 100 m.

** Provided the pedigree of the seed used can be established.

Monoecious - Certified

2. Varietal Purity – Certified	Distance
a. Seed crop of same variety that meets Certified standards for varietal purity	1 meter (3 feet)
b. Planted with pedigreed seed** of same variety that meets Certified standards for varietal purity	200 meters (656 feet)
c. Different varieties of Industrial Hemp or non-pedigreed Industrial Hemp	800 meters (2624 feet)

* There must not be any Industrial Hemp plants within 100 m of the crop and not more than 10 plants/ha beyond 100 m.

** Provided the pedigree of the seed used can be established.

5. **Maximum Impurity Standards for Mechanical Purity for Vetch** seed crops are revised to clarify which Vetch species inspection staff are required to report by frequency. (Section 7)

2. Mechanical Purity

- a. Plants with seed difficult to separate (DTS) from seed of the inspected crop will be reported by frequency in the field and will not be a factor in the seed crop certification decision. For **Crown Vetch**, that includes **Milk Vetch and Canola**. **For Milk Vetch that includes Crown Vetch and Canola.** ~~and other Vetch species.~~