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## **Notice of Changes to Circular 6** **(Canadian Regulations and Procedures for Pedigreed Seed Crop Production<sup>®</sup>)** **Effective in 2026**

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Following a review by the Regulatory Services Committee, as well as consultation or notification of members and stakeholders, the following changes to the *Canadian Regulations and Procedures for Pedigreed Seed Crop Production* (Circular 6) were approved by the CSGA Board of Directors to become effective in 2026. The official revised 2026 version of Circular 6 will be available on the CSGA website as of February 1, 2026.

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**Effective in 2026**, the following changes are made to the *Canadian Regulations and Procedures for Pedigreed Seed Crop Production* (Circular 6):

1. **Isolation requirements** are revised in **Industrial Hemp** (Sections 10 & 11) as follows:
  - a. **Monoecious Foundation Plot Production**
    - i. Isolation between plots of the same variety is reduced from 5 meters to 3 meters.
    - ii. Isolation to a lower pedigreed class seed crop of the same variety is reduced from 3000 meters to 2000 meters.
    - iii. Isolation to other monoecious varieties is increased from 3000 meters to 4800 meters.
  - b. **Dioecious Registered Production**
    - i. Isolation to a seed crop of the same variety that meets Certified standards for varietal purity is reduced from 1600 meters to 1000 meters.
  - c. **Monoecious Registered Production**
    - i. Isolation to other monoecious varieties is increased from 2000 meters to 4800 meters.
  - d. **Monoecious Certified Production**
    - i. Isolation to a different monoecious variety is increased from 200 meters to 800 meters.
    - ii. Isolation to a dioecious variety or non-pedigreed industrial hemp is reduced from 1000 meters to 800 meters.
2. Requirement to complete a **Report of Plot Production (Form 50)** for each variety produced in **Select and Foundation plots** prior to issuing a crop certificate is removed. (4.(2) General Requirements for Plot Production, and 5.(2) General Requirements for Probation Plot Production).

**Also effective in 2026**, the following **Housekeeping Revisions** are being made to the *Canadian Regulations and Procedures for Pedigreed Seed Crop Production* (Circular 6). In accordance with CSGA's *Housekeeping Revision Policy*, these changes will also be posted on CSGA's website for a 45-day comment period.

1. Reference to minimum standards **for mechanical purity for imported parent seed** is removed from Circular 6 (but remain in the *Seeds Regulations*). (10.(1) General Requirements for All Pedigreed Seed Crops)

2. The **definition of 'off-type'** is revised to clarify what constitutes an off-type. (Glossary of Terms)
3. The **definition of 'crop certificate'** is revised to reference the French terminology used in the *Seeds Regulations*. (Glossary of Terms – **French version only**)
4. **Isolation requirements for Certified production of dioecious and monecious 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)
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)