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Proposed Circular 6 Update: NEW Provisional Standards for Hybrid Hemp

The Canadian Seed Growers' Association (CSGA) is providing notice of a proposed update to Circular 6 to introduce **NEW Provisional Standards for Hybrid Hemp**. These standards are being implemented on an interim basis and will be reviewed by December 31, 2028, at which time they may be extended, amended or withdrawn pending the availability of additional data, operational experience, or regulatory direction.

CSGA's Hemp Working Group (HWG) is composed of individuals with expertise in pedigreed seed crop production of industrial hemp, including seed growers, seed industry representatives, licensed seed crop inspectors, and plant breeders. Several HWG members are also members of the Canadian Hemp Trade Alliance and serve on its Breeding and Seed Standards Sub-Committee. A representative from the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) also participates in HWG meetings.

In 2024, members of the HWG volunteered to participate in a dedicated Hybrid Hemp Working Group (HHWG), which met in March and April to begin developing draft guidelines for hybrid hemp production. In 2025, a smaller sub-group (the "Mini HHWG") met on several occasions to finalize the draft guideline document and associated standards. These materials were presented to the full HWG at its October 2025 meeting.

With the support of the Regulatory Services Committee and the CSGA Board of Directors, the **new Provisional Standards for Hybrid Hemp** are proposed to be added to the Canadian Regulations and Procedures for Pedigreed Seed Crop Production (Circular 6), **effective June 1, 2026**. In addition, **several consequential revisions will be made to the existing standards for feminized hemp seed and for traditional dioecious and monoecious hemp production in Sections 10 and 11**, to clarify the type of hemp to which each standard applies. All proposed additions and revisions are highlighted in yellow in the documents.

In accordance with CSGA's *Provisional Standards Policy*, CSGA is providing this formal notice of change and is posting the proposed standards on its website for a 45-day stakeholder comment period.

The associated **guideline document**, which includes the new hybrid hemp guidance and revisions to the feminized hemp seed section, can be found [here](#).

For questions about these new provisional standards, please contact [Gail Harris](#).