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Information for Seed Growers

New messages for 2022:

LSCI Group 5 training-Pilot project : CFIA will be providing a pilot project for licensing LSCI to inspect Group 5 special crops.

GPS coordinates: If growers are using GPS coordinates, the data for the entry of the field AND the center of the field will both be required.

Weeds/Diseases Reporting: Seed crop inspectors are required by their licence to report Prohibited Noxious weeds and a limited number of other weedy species and diseases. Seed growers may wish to contact their ASCIS regarding weeds/diseases reporting services in addition to that required by licensing.

General messages

Plot Production Samples (Form 50) : Every year, the CFIA in collaboration with the CSGA requests samples to evaluate the effectiveness of Canada's seed certification system. Please ensure samples submitted to CFIA are clean and well-sealed to avoid being asked to submit a second sample.

Authorized Seed Crop Inspections Services (ASCIS) may request fields for training of Licensed Seed Crop Inspectors (LSCI) : Practical training of LSCI for seed crops of section 2 and 3 of Circular 6 will be delivered by ASCIS in 2022

Breeder plots: CFIA can be selected as the inspection service only if the plots are not able to be inspected under the Breeder program and there are no ASCIS available to conduct the inspection

Maps are required for all fields and must include easily recognizable landmarks, adjacent crops and buildings, distance measurements, legal land descriptions and/or legal physical addresses. Plots, staked plots and plots within seed crop fields require detailed maps. **CFIA will not complete seed crop inspection when field maps are not available in CSGA's SeedCert.**

Seed Growers are asked to submit applications by the CSGA deadline. Inspection requests received after the deadline may cause scheduling challenges for service providers. Roguing of seed fields and plots is expected to be completed before the time of inspection.

Seed Tags: When required by CSGA, the seed grower is responsible to submit copies of pedigreed seed tags of the parent seed planted with their application to CSGA.

Pesticide Use must be communicated: Please provide your seed crop inspector with information about pesticide application that has occurred prior to inspections.



CFIA Oversight of Seed Crop Inspection: CFIA will be check inspecting a percentage of all fields inspected by Licenced Seed Crop Inspectors (LSCI). Therefore, you may see a CFIA official in your seed field before or after an inspection by a LSCI. If non-conformance(s) are assessed by the CFIA Official inspector, the ASCIS may be asked to re-inspect the field and submit a modified Report of Seed Crop inspection to the CSGA, which the seed grower will receive via SeedCert.

CFIA availability for seed crop inspection:

- Seed crops **other than** CSGA Circular 6 section 2, 3 and 8 crop types (cereals, pulses and certified hybrid corn);
- Select and Foundation plots of all crop kinds;
- Seed crops of CSGA Circular 6 section 2, 3 and 8 crop types only in the rare event that a grower has been refused by all ASCIS in their Region and if CFIA resources permit;
- Hybrid Cereal crops and feminised hemp;
- Seed destined for marketing in the EU as Basic or Pre-Basic seed; and
- Crop types in Circular 6 for which seed crop inspection training has not been provided to LSCI.

Currently, when seed fields are inspected by CFIA Official inspectors, CSGA applies an assessment to the seed grower. This process for assessment of CFIA direct inspections could change for 2023.

Note that, in order to ensure each seed grower has at least one offer of service, ASCIS have committed to minimum volumes of section 2 and 3 crop type inspections, and must prioritize the assignment of their LSCI to Foundation, Registered and Certified cereal and pulse seed crops.

CFIA listserv email notifications: Seed growers are encouraged to sign up for this notification service through the CFIA website to receive updates on changes in the Seed Program.

<http://www.inspection.gc.ca/english/util/listserv/listsube.shtml>

Additional Information: Seed growers may contact their local CFIA office (www.inspection.gc.ca) or Seed Section at SeedSemence@inspection.gc.ca

Seed growers wishing information on whether their crop meets CSGA requirements must either check the status of their crops through SeedCert (<https://members.seedgrowers.ca/CSGAMembers/Login.aspx?lang=en-CA&lang=en-CA>) or contact CSGA directly.