

RULES COMMITTEE

With the approval of the Executive Board, the Rules Committee is preparing a general Rules revision in 1964, to become effective July 1, 1965.

To this end, proposed changes were solicited in the September 1962 News Letter, and by a direct notice sent to each official laboratory and to each Commercial Seed Technologist in December 1962. The Chairman of the Rules Committee of the Society of Commercial Seed Technologists used the Seed Technologist News to solicit proposed changes.

Proposals received were arranged and sent to each official laboratory and Commercial Seed Technologist in May 1963, preparatory to a general discussion of them at the 1963 annual meeting.

Close contact was maintained throughout the year with the Rules Committee Chairman of the Society of Commercial Seed Technologists by including him in correspondence between AOSA Rules Committee members and others concerned with Rules proposals.

The Rules Committee now has the responsibility of interpretation of the Rules where clarification and amplification are needed. The following interpretations were made during the year:

1. Section 2.5 C, Separation of similar kinds or varieties.
 - A. Percentage of Bermudagrasses, Cynodon spp., may be determined from a reduced amount in accordance with this section.
 - B. This section is applicable in determining purity percentages of both crop and weed species of groups considered difficult to separate. (Note: In addition to Cynodon spp., a list of kinds considered difficult to separate appears on page 10 of the 1958 AOSA Proceedings.)
2. Section 2.11 C, Multiple Units.
This section is not applicable to the kinds listed when they occur in mixtures, with the exception of Chewings fescue, for which the multiple unit factor remains constant.

Harry L. Smith, CHAIRMAN

TREE AND SHRUB SEEDS SUBCOMMITTEE

The need for official rules for testing tree and shrub seeds has been evident for many years. Already certain states are required by law to check tree and shrub seeds and yet no official rules for testing them have been established by the Association. The volume of tree seeds sold commercially is increasing and certification of tree seeds is being demanded. Therefore, in 1958, the AOSA formed a committee under the chairmanship of Mrs. Jensen to begin preliminary studies on establishing rules for testing tree and shrub seeds. Among other work accomplished was compilation of a very comprehensive list of the trees and shrubs which are grown in North America. This list was discussed at the Bozeman meeting in 1959 and found to be far too extensive. Accordingly, the list was reduced to about 100 commercially important trees and shrubs. Following this preliminary work, a purity and a germination committee were established by the Association in 1959 to draft tentative rules.

By 1961, the rules for purity and germination had been consolidated and improved, and were presented at the Richmond meeting. Minor areas of