

Rules Committee

Several items were brought to the attention of the 1983 AOSA membership at Ottawa, Ontario this past June.

Many items were editorial corrections to the AOSA Rules and are listed in the AOSA Newsletter 57(1):12-13.

The proposal concerning the sectioning of dodder seed in 2.10b (6) was not accepted.

The proposal for acid scarification of Johnsongrass seeds was not accepted.

The following items were accepted as AOSA Rule changes:

Johnsongrass (Sorghum halepense) will be added to the list in 4.2e permitting the reporting of dormant seed if present.

Tall wheatgrass (Agropyron elongatum) and Western wheatgrass (A. smithii) will be added to section 2.7g(3) permitting the use of factors as a special purity procedure. The factors will be listed in the table in section 2.12 as follows:

<u>% of Single florets of each species</u>	<u>Factors</u>	
	<u>Tall wheatgrass</u>	<u>Western wheatgrass</u>
50 or below	--	--
50.01- 55.00	--	--
55.01- 60.00	--	--
60.01- 65.00	--	--
65.01- 70.00	--	60
70.01- 75.00	--	66
75.01- 80.00	50	67
80.01- 85.00	55	68
85.01- 90.00	65	70
90.01-100.00	70	74

The accepted Rule changes will be effective on October 1, 1983.

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NOTICE: Tentative rules for testing coated seeds (AOSA Rules Section 2.13 and 4.8) were accepted in 1980 at the Des Moines meeting. The Rules Committee will be considering a proposal on removing the tentative designation to Sections 2.13 and 4.8 at the 1984 meeting at Boise, Idaho. If you have comments regarding this matter, direct them to the Chairman of the AOSA Rules Committee.

Arnold L. Larsen, Chairman