



Purpose: Develop practical, efficient, and standardized purity testing methods based on scientific research to meet the needs of seed laboratories, the seed industry, and regulatory officials.

Scope: Committee structure, general duties, meetings

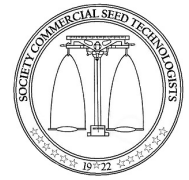
References: AOSA Rules, ISTA Rules, Federal Seed Act, Canadian Methods and Procedures

Procedure:

1. Structure:
 - a. Two Co-chairs as appointed by the Presidents of AOSA and SCST.
 - b. Members-at-large. The subcommittee is open to all individuals who wish to participate in committee activities.

2. Duties:
 - a. Encourage or coordinate independent purity related research projects within AOSA and SCST.
 - b. Organize method validation referees as a follow-up to item 1 as needed.
 - c. Develop and submit AOSA Rules change proposals based on sound research and method validation.
 - d. Review AOSA Rule change proposals submitted to the Rules Committee for completeness and harmonization issues within the AOSA Rules and with the ISTA Rules, Federal Seed Act, and Canadian Methods and Procedures.
 - e. Assess changes in ISTA Rules for Seed Testing that may become harmonization issues with the AOSA Rules and their impact on international seed trade.
 - f. Develop supplemental reference material to the AOSA Rules.
 - g. Update the AOSA Purity Testing Handbook as needed.
 - h. Present training workshops and webinars to promote standardization in seed testing.

3. Meetings
 - a. The subcommittee will hold an open meeting at the AOSA/SCST Annual Meeting; either virtual or in-person, or both.
 - b. Attendance at the annual meetings is not required.
 - c. Communication throughout the year is generally accomplished via email and conference calls.
 - d. Provide annual subcommittee activity report at the annual business meeting and a written report for publication in the annual proceedings.



Changelog

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