

2022 Rule Proposal #13

Purpose of the Rule: The purpose of this rule proposal is to clarify the reporting requirements for noxious weed seed examinations.

Present Rule:

Section 15

i. When a purity analysis is conducted the following information must be reported under Purity Analysis:

- (1) Weight of purity working sample.
- (2) Percentage by weight of pure seed, other crop seed, inert matter and weed seed found in the purity working sample, given to two decimal places.
- (3) Scientific name, or common name, or both, of all other crop seed or weed seed found in the purity working sample. If none are found, this must be indicated.

j. When a noxious weed seed examination is conducted the following information must be reported under Noxious Weed Seed Examination:

- (1) Weight of noxious weed working sample.
- (2) Scientific name, or common name, or both, of noxious weed seed found, the number of each type found and rate of occurrence per unit weight. If none are found, this shall be indicated.
- (3) The type of examination conducted, including the name of the region (state, province, country, etc.) and examination exclusions as appropriate.

Proposed Rule:

Section 15

i. When a purity analysis is conducted the following information must be reported under Purity Analysis:

- (1) Weight of purity working sample.
- (2) Percentage by weight of pure seed, other crop seed, inert matter and weed seed found in the purity working sample, given to two decimal places.
- (3) Scientific name, or common name, or both, of all other crop seed or weed seed found in the purity working sample. If none are found, this must be indicated.

(4) When the weight of the purity working sample is considered part of the minimum weight specified for the noxious examination, according to 2.3(b)(1), any noxious weed seeds found in the purity examination are reported in both the Purity Analysis, according to Section 15 i (3), and in the Noxious Weed Seed Examination, according to Section 15 j (4).

j. When a noxious weed seed examination is conducted the following information must be reported under Noxious Weed Seed Examination:

- (1) Weight of noxious weed working sample.
- (2) Scientific name, or common name, or both, of noxious weed seed found, the number of each type found and rate of occurrence per unit weight. If none are found, this shall be indicated.
- (3) The type of examination conducted, including the name of the region (state, province, country, etc.) and examination exclusions as appropriate.
- (4) When the weight of the purity working sample is considered part of the minimum weight specified for the noxious examination, according to 2.3(b)(1), any noxious weed seeds found in the purity examination are added to those found in the noxious examination, and the total reported according to j (2) above.

Harmonization and Impact Statement:

This rule does not change the current method of reporting, but rather clarifies the proper reporting method. It is in harmony with FSA and ISTA Rules.

Supporting Evidence:

The uniformity study conducted in 2021 found differences in the way noxious weed seeds are reported. The intent of the rule proposal is to bring uniformity to reporting methods.

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