

2022 Rule Proposal #16

PURPOSE OF PROPOSAL

To change the requirement on the Report of Analysis from the submitted sample weight to the working weight to be the required amount and to require a statement on the report of analysis if it less than the required amount.

PRESENT RULE

Section 15.q

When the size of the submitted sample is less than required under section 1.4, a statement regarding the insufficient sample size must be stated on the report of analysis.

PROPOSED RULE

When the size of the submitted working weight of a sample is less than what is required under section 1.4 in Section 2.3, a this statement ~~regarding the insufficient sample size shall must be stated appear in the comment section of~~ on the report of analysis: “Insufficient sample size for an official AOSA test. Not recommended for labeling purposes.”

HARMONIZATION & IMPACT STATEMENT

This proposal would bring the report of analysis more in line with ISTA and the Canada report. ISTA requires under Section 1.5.2.2 purity, when the submitted sample received for purity testing weights less than the weight in Table 2C, column 4 report under other determinations and use the statement: “The submitted sample weighed only _____ g and is not in accordance with the International Rules for Seed Testing. Section 1.5.2.4 other seed determination, if the weight examined was less than the weight prescribed in Table 2C, and only a limited range of other species was examined than the words “Reduced-limited test” must be entered

The Canada M&P states in section 1.3.2.p: When there is insufficient seed for a complete analysis, report the results on the report of analysis and under “remarks” include the statement: “Insufficient seed for complete analysis – do not grade.”

The Federal Seed Act does not state requirements for the report of analysis.

SUPPORTING EVIDENCE

It is important to inform customers that results on the report of analysis may not be an accurate representation of the entire seed lot due to insufficient sample size.

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