

Voting process on AOSA Rule Proposals

2022 AOSA Bylaw Proposal #5

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Propose of Change: To ensure AOSA Rules for Testing Seeds have regulatory approval and continued acceptance by regulatory agencies.

Present Bylaw: ARTICLE XI – RULES FOR TESTING SEEDS, 2.

2. Proposed changes and additions shall be approved by the Rules Committee and published in the newsletter or otherwise submitted to the joint membership of the Association and the Society of Commercial Seed Technologists at least 90 days prior to an annual meeting at which such rules shall be adopted or rejected. Rules are voted on by one affiliate member from each Official Laboratory of the Association and by individual voting members of the Society of Commercial Seed Technologists (SCST) in attendance at their respective annual business meetings. Votes in favor and those opposed are converted to percentages based on the total number of votes cast within each respective organization. The percentage designation is then dropped and the tally from each organization is added together for a cumulative total based on 200. A two-thirds majority of the cumulative tally is required to adopt a Rule proposal. To pass with a two-thirds majority vote, a cumulative tally of 134 in favor out of 200 total combined points would be required. Those individuals with dual membership may vote as individual members with the Society of Commercial Seed Technologists and, if designated by their Official Laboratory, cast a vote for their laboratory. Rule(s) changes or additions approved by the joint membership at the annual meeting shall have an effective date of October 1 in the year they are approved, unless otherwise specified. The Rules Committee is responsible for preparing the final version of the approved rule(s) changes for publication. (1998, 2005)

Proposed Bylaw: ARTICLE XI – RULES FOR TESTING SEEDS, 2.

2. Proposed changes and additions shall be approved **for consideration** by the Rules Committee and published in the newsletter or otherwise submitted to the joint membership of the Association and the Society of Commercial Seed Technologists at least 90 days prior to an annual meeting at which such **rules proposed changes and additions** shall be adopted or rejected. **Rules Proposed changes and additions** are voted on by one affiliate member from each Official Laboratory of the Association **in attendance at the annual business meeting and reported as a percentage. In addition, the Association shall request that the Society of Commercial Seed Technologists report the percentage of in-favor votes for the said proposed changes and additions, of the votes cast by their individual members in attendance at their annual business meeting provided that their annual business meeting is the day of, or within one week after the Association's annual business meeting. and by individual voting members of the Society of Commercial Seed Technologists (SCST) in attendance at their respective annual business meetings. Votes in favor and those opposed are converted to percentages based on the total number of votes cast within each respective organization.** The proposed changes and additions shall be considered for adoption by the following method: The percentage designations, of in-favor votes from the Association and the Society of Commercial Seed Technologists, are **is then dropped dismissed** and the tally from each organization is added together for a cumulative total. Based on 200 **potential votes, a two-thirds majority of the cumulative tally is required to adopt a Rule proposal proposed changes and additions.** To pass with a two-thirds majority vote, a cumulative tally of **134.00 or more in favor out of 200 total combined points would be** is required. **Exceptions to the method: Any proposed changes and additions receiving 50.00% or less in-favor votes from either the Association or the Society of**

Commercial Seed Technologists, regardless of the cumulative tally, shall not be adopted; In any case in which the Society of Commercial Seed Technologists does not report a percentage of in-favor votes for the said proposed changes and additions cast at their annual business meeting, the adoption of the proposed changes and additions shall be considered based on two-thirds (67.00%) in-favor votes from the affiliate members from Official Laboratories of the Association. ~~Those individuals with dual membership may vote as individual members with the Society of Commercial Seed Technologists and, if designated by their Official Laboratory, cast a vote for their laboratory. Rule(s) changes~~ Proposed changes and additions ~~or additions approved by the joint membership adopted at the annual meeting~~ shall have an effective date of October 1 in the year they are ~~approved~~ adopted, unless otherwise specified. The Rules Committee is responsible for preparing the final version of the ~~approved rule(s)~~ adopted changes and additions for publication. (1998, 2005)

4. Special Vote of Affiliated Organizations – Upon request from the Association of American Seed Control Officials, or the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture, or the United States Department of Agriculture to review the regulatory efficacy of any portion of the rules, the officers and Executive Board of the Association may call a Special Session of affiliated organizations to review any portion of the existing Rules for Testing Seeds, and to submit recommendation(s), determined by Special Vote, to change or repeal said Rules. Affiliated Organizations include:
1. Association of American Seed Control Officials
 2. Association of Official Seed Analyst
 3. Association of Official Seed Certifying Agencies
 4. American Seed Trade Association
 5. Canadian Food Inspection Agency
 6. International Seed Testing Association
 7. National Association of State Departments of Agriculture
 8. Society of Commercial Seed Technologists
 9. United States Department of Agriculture.

A Special Vote of the Affiliated Organizations shall ratify any recommendation(s) based on a majority affirmative vote of at least seven (7) of the Affiliated Organizations. The officers and the Executive Board of the Association shall implement the change(s) or repeal(s) specified in the ratified recommendation. All changes or repeals shall have an effective date of October 1 in the year the recommendation is ratified, unless otherwise specified. The officers and Executive Board are responsible for preparing the final version of the approved change(s) or repeal(s) for publication.

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Date:

AOSA votes in-favor	SCST votes in-favor	Total Talled votes in-favor	Pass/Fail
0.00% to 50%	0.00% to 100%	N/A	Fail
0.00% to 100%	0.00% to 50.00%	N/A	Fail
50.01% to 100%	50.01% to 100%	<134	Fail
50.01% to 100%	50.01% to 100%	≥134	Pass
0.00% to 66.99%	No % in-favor votes provided	N/A	Fail
67.00% to 100%	No % in-favor votes provided	N/A	Pass

