

## 2024 Rule Change Proposal 3

**PURPOSE OF PROPOSAL:** To clarify the minimum working sample weights for noxious weed seed and bulk examinations for kinds in Table 2A with minimum working sample weight for purity analysis but none stated for noxious weed seed and bulk examinations.

**PRESENT and PROPOSED RULE:** (change indicated with red text)

### 2.3 Size of working samples

#### b. Purity analysis, noxious weed seed examination, bulk examination. –

When a purity analysis is performed, the weight of the purity working sample may be considered part of the minimum weight specified for the noxious weed seed examination or bulk examination.

- (1) **Single kinds listed in Table 2A.** The weight of the working samples for the purity analysis, noxious weed seed examination and bulk examination shall not be less than that prescribed in Table 2A, except as noted in (3) below. The working weights listed in Table 2A are based on the approximate weight of 2,500 pure seed units for the purity analysis and 25,000 pure seed units for the noxious weed seed and bulk examinations (unless otherwise specified in Table 2A). Working sample weights listed in Table 2A are not intended to be adjusted based on the amount of inert matter or other species content.

When no working sample weight is provided in Table 2A for a noxious weed seed or bulk examination and the minimum purity analysis working weight is less than 500 grams, the minimum working sample weight for a noxious weed seed or bulk examination may be calculated based on the number of seeds per gram provided in Table 2A for the kind of seed to be tested. In no case does the amount examined need to exceed 500 grams for raw seed. For those kinds listed in Table 2A that show greater than 500 grams as the minimum weight for purity analysis, the actual weight given shall also be considered the minimum quantity to be examined for noxious weed seeds. Refer to section 2.3.b(5)(a) for coated, encrusted, and pelleted seed.

#### **HARMONIZATION STATEMENT:**

This proposal is for clarification of the current AOSA Rules based on footnote b of Table 2A and represents no substantive change to the current principles and practices of the AOSA Rules.

#### **SUPPORTING EVIDENCE:**

This proposal is for clarification of the current AOSA Rules based on footnote b of Table 2A. While the footnote is extremely useful information, this information is not readily visible in the main text of the AOSA Rules in sec. 2.3(b) where the quantity of seed to test

for purity analysis, noxious weed seed examination, and bulk examination is detailed. This lack of clarity can lead to non-uniformity in testing among AOSA and SCST members.

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