

2025 AOSA Rule Proposal #3

Purpose of proposal:

Improve reporting requirements for de-coated seed by providing more information on the chosen method.

Present rule:

15. r. When coated kinds from the Poaceae or mixtures of other kinds are de-coated for germination testing, the following statement must be made on the report of analysis: Germination results based on pure seed units de-coated prior to germination testing.

Proposed rule

r. When coated kinds from the Poaceae or mixtures of other kinds are de-coated for germination testing, the following statement must be made on the report of analysis: Germination results based on pure seed units de-coated prior to germination testing. **If the seeds were de-coated at the customer's request, the following statement must be used: Germination results based on pure seed units de-coated prior to germination testing, at the customer's request. If the seeds were de-coated for regulatory purposes, the following statement must be used: Germination results based on pure seed units de-coated prior to germination testing, according to regulatory requirements.**

Harmonization and Impact statement:

ISTA and FSA do not have specific required statements for germination results of de-coated seed

Supporting evidence:

This proposal was based on a suggestion from the purity committee. The intent is to clarify on the ROA why the seed was de-coated prior to planting. The existing rule indicates that the de-coated statement is to be used when the conditions in 6.8(l)(b & c) are met (Poaceae or mixes). The reason for de-coating may not be immediately apparent if the seed was de-coated for regulatory purposes or customer requests, so this should be clearly stated in the report.

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