

2026 AOSA Rule Proposal

Purpose of proposal:

Provide guideline for adding and updating nomenclature and common name in the Rules.

Present rule: AOSA Volume 1 Introduction

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AOSA Rules for Testing Seeds Volume 3. Uniform Classification of Weed and Crop Seeds
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Harmonization and Impact statement:

This proposal is meant to provide a clear guideline on updating common names and nomenclature in the Rules. It was put together as a part of the effort to ensure the consistency throughout the Rules.

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