

**Statutes:**

**Seeds**

**Regulations:**

**Chapter 51 – Regulations Pertaining to  
Seed Law**

## SEEDS

### 11-12-101. Definitions.

(a) Repealed By Laws 2007, Ch. 8, 4.

(b) As used in this act:

(i) "Controlling the pollination" means to use a method of hybridization which will produce pure seed which is at least seventy-five percent (75%) hybrid seed;

(ii) "Dormant" means viable seed, excluding hard seed, which fails to germinate when provided the specific germination conditions for the kind of seed in question;

(iii) "Germination" means the emergence and development from the seed embryo of those essential structures which, for the kind of seed in question, are indicative of the ability to produce a normal plant under favorable conditions. For the purposes of this act, "germination" may also mean the percentage of seed determined viable by a tetrazolium test for species identified in the rules for testing, or for species for which there are no rules for testing;

(iv) "Hard seed" means seed which remains hard at the end of the prescribed test period because it has not absorbed water due to an impermeable seed coat;

(v) "Hybrid" as applied to kinds or varieties of seed, means the first generation seed of a cross produced by controlling the pollination and by combining:

(A) Two (2) or more inbred lines;

(B) One (1) inbred or a single cross with an open pollinated variety; or

(C) Two (2) selected clones, seed lines, varieties or species.

(vi) "Inert matter" means all matter that is not a seed, including broken seeds, sterile florets, chaff, fungus bodies and stones;

(vii) "Kind" means one (1) or more related species or subspecies which singly or collectively is known by one (1) common name, including but not limited to, soybean, flax, barley and wheat;

(viii) "Labeling" means the display or displays of written, printed or graphic matter upon or attached to the container of seed or accompanying and pertaining to any seed whether sold in bulk or in containers, including invoices;

(ix) "Lot" means the number or other identification that relates to records pertaining to the known quantity of seed;

(x) "Origin" means the state, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico or possession of the United States, or the foreign country or designated portion thereof, where the seed was grown;

(xi) "Pure seed" means seed exclusive of inert matter and all other seed not of the seed being offered for sale;

(xii) "Rules for testing" means procedures specified by the Association of Official Seed Analysts for conducting seed analysis;

(xiii) "Seed" means the propagative part of a plant normally capable of germination to produce a new plant, including ovules, tubers and bulbs. "Seed" also includes the following as defined for the purposes of this act:

(A) "Agricultural seeds" means any agronomic crop seeds or seeds of species as defined in W.S. 11-1-101;

(B) "Flower seed" means seeds of herbaceous plants grown for their blooms, ornamental foliage or other ornamental parts and commonly known and sold under the name of flower seeds in this state;

(C) "Tree seed" means seeds of woody plants commonly known and sold as tree and shrub seeds in this state; or

(D) "Vegetable seed" means the seeds of those crops that are or may be grown in gardens or truck farms and are generally known and sold under the name of vegetable seeds in this state.

(xiv) "Total viable" means:

(A) Germination plus dormant seed plus hard seed; or

(B) Viable as determined by a tetrazolium test for species identified in the rules for testing, or for species for which there are no rules for testing.

(xv) "Treated seed" means any seed that has been treated with chemicals that are harmful to humans, livestock or other vertebrate animals;

(xvi) "Variety" means a subdivision of a kind which is characterized by growth, plant, fruit, seed or other characters by which it can be differentiated from other sorts of the same kind, including but not limited to, C2243 wheat and Manchu soybeans;

(xvii) "Weeds" includes the following as defined for purposes of this act:

(A) "Prohibited noxious weeds" means the seeds of any species for which the department by rule has established zero (0) tolerance;

(B) "Restricted noxious weeds" means any species for which the department by rule has established an allowable tolerance;

(C) "Regulated weeds" means seed, other than prohibited noxious weeds or restricted noxious weeds, of any species for which the department by rule has established a limitation of amount per pound in a seed lot.

(xviii) "This act" means W.S. 11-12-101 through 11-12-124.

#### **11-12-102. Exceptions to applicability.**

(a) This act does not apply to any person who:

(i) Has seeds in storage for conditioning or cleaning and the intended use of the seed is not planting;

(ii) Is a resident grower of seed who sells his seed to a seed dealer who is licensed pursuant to this act;

(iii) Repealed By Laws 2006, Chapter 114, 2.

(b) Any resident grower who sells or offers for sale any agricultural, vegetable, flower or tree seeds grown only by him and sold or offered for sale at the headquarters of his operations directly to grower planters of the seed and not for resale is exempt from the licensing provisions under W.S. 11-12-103.

#### **11-12-103. Licensing.**

(a) Any person who sells or offers for sale or distribution in Wyoming any seeds shall obtain a license from the department. The license shall expire annually on March 31. Application for the license shall include the name and address of the person to whom the license is to be issued and the location of the place or places of business of the applicant. The application shall be accompanied by the license fee authorized by W.S. 11-1-104 for each place of business selling seeds in packets, packages or bulk of ten (10) pounds or more. This subsection shall not apply to any person licensed in accordance with W.S. 11-11-103.

(b) Any person who conditions grain or seed for hire in Wyoming shall obtain a license from the department. The license shall expire annually on March 31. Application for the license shall include the name and address of the person to whom the license is to be issued and the location of the place or places of business of the applicant. The application shall be accompanied by the license fee which shall be the same as the fee established for a seed dealer license. This subsection shall not apply to any person licensed in accordance with W.S. 11-11-103.

(c) Charitable and educational institutions shall be exempt from licensing requirements imposed by this section.

**11-12-104. Restrictions on the sale of weed seeds; allowed tolerance for other noxious weeds; rulemaking.**

(a) No person shall sell or offer for sale or distribution in Wyoming seed which contains any prohibited noxious weed seeds. The department, by rule and regulation, may establish a list of prohibited noxious weeds, restricted noxious weeds and regulated weeds and establish tolerances for restricted noxious weeds and regulated weeds.

(b) Repealed By Laws 2007, Ch. 8, 4.

(c) Repealed By Laws 2007, Ch. 8, 4.

(d) Any seed which contains any prohibited noxious weed seeds or exceeds the tolerance established on restricted noxious weed seeds or regulated weed seeds shall be removed from sale in Wyoming and impounded by the director and shall be released only for the following purposes:

(i) For complete destruction;

(ii) For removal outside of the state;

(iii) To be conditioned to the point that no prohibited noxious weeds are present and to the point that the tolerance established on restricted noxious weeds and regulated weeds is not exceeded;

(iv) For processing in such a way as to make the weed seeds harmless and sold as feed; or

(v) For burial in an approved landfill.

**11-12-105. Labeling of packages required; contents; exception.**

(a) Each lot of seed which is sold or offered for sale in Wyoming, shall be legibly labeled in English upon the exterior of the container with a written or printed label. The label shall show:

(i) The commonly accepted name of the kind of seed. If seeds are mixed, the kind of each seed making up five percent (5%) or more of the mixture shall be stated separately;

(ii) The full name and address of the person selling, offering or distributing the seeds for sale;

(iii) The percentage of pure seed, crop seed (not to be added to pure seed), inert matter, common weed seeds by weight, germination, hard seed and the month and year of the germination test;

(iv) The origin of the seed;

(v) Lot number or other lot identification;

(vi) Name and number of each kind of restricted noxious weed seeds per pound; and

(vii) The words "poisonous treated" shall appear in bold print if the seeds have been treated with chemicals which are toxic or poisonous to either humans, livestock or other vertebrate animals.

(b) When seeds are sold or offered for sale in bulk, the label required by subsection (a) of this section shall be conspicuously displayed on the container of each lot of bulk seed. A printed or written statement bearing the required labeling information shall be taken from the bulk seed container label in the presence of the purchaser and given to the purchaser upon request.

(c) This section does not apply to flower, tree, garden or vegetable seeds labeled to comply with the requirements of the United States department of agriculture by authority of the Federal Seed Act.

#### **11-12-106. Lawn grass seed.**

Lawn grass seed mixtures offered for sale in Wyoming shall comply with all requirements of this act, and in addition shall contain at least fifty percent (50%) of perennial permanent type lawn grass seed that is adapted to local growing conditions, such as Kentucky blue grass (*Poa pratensis*), bent grass (*Agrostis* species) or fescue (*Festuca* species).

#### **11-12-107. Weed seeds.**

No person shall sell in the retail trade in this state, any seed which contains two percent (2%) or more of weed seeds by weight.

#### **11-12-108. Screenings to be specially labeled and free from noxious weed seeds; seizure and destruction; grain cleaning establishments.**

Screenings of any seeds or grains which are offered for sale by any person shall be legibly labeled as such and not sold as seeds. They shall be free of prohibited noxious weed seeds and shall not exceed the tolerance established on restricted noxious weed seed. Screenings found to contain weed seeds in violation of this section are subject to seizure by the director of the department of agriculture. Screenings are subject to the provisions of W.S. 11-12-104(d).

#### **11-12-109. Failure to label or false labeling of seeds.**

It is unlawful for any person to sell or offer for sale or to deliver within Wyoming any seeds which are misbranded or are not labeled in accordance with the requirements of W.S. 11-12-103 through 11-12-108, or if the seed is falsely labeled in any respect, subject to such tolerance as established by the board.

**11-12-110. Importation of seeds.**

It is unlawful for any person to transport or cause to be transported into Wyoming any seed without meeting the requirements of this act.

**11-12-111. Repealed by Laws 1983, ch. 169, 4.**

**11-12-112. Director to enforce provisions; power of director to examine seeds; exception; purchase of samples.**

The director shall enforce this act. The director or his agents shall have free access at all reasonable hours upon and into any premises or structures where seed is stored or offered for sale, except federally sealed granaries or warehouses, to examine any seeds and, upon tendering payment therefor at the current value, may take from any person a sample or samples of the seeds.

**11-12-113. Rulemaking.**

(a) The board shall promulgate, adopt and publish rules and regulations in accordance with the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act for the purpose of carrying out this act.

(b) Except as otherwise provided for in this act, no ordinance or regulation of any political subdivision may prohibit or in any way attempt to regulate any matter relating to the registration, labeling, sale, storage, transportation, distribution, notification of use or use of seeds, if any ordinance, law or regulation of the political subdivision is in conflict of this chapter.

**11-12-114. Seed and grain cleaning establishments; certificates of approval; lists thereof.**

The board shall establish standards and other requirements whereby seed and grain cleaning establishments may be issued a certificate of approval. A list of approved establishments for cleaning seeds and grain shall be maintained by the director.

**11-12-115. State seed analyst; seed laboratory.**

(a) The department shall operate a state seed laboratory through a memorandum of understanding with the University of Wyoming. The terms and conditions of the memorandum of understanding shall include the designation and compensation of a state seed analyst.

(b) A state laboratory operated for the purposes of seed analysis shall be located in Park County.

**11-12-116. Analysis of seeds.**

(a) Any person may have his seed analyzed by the state seed analyst by paying transportation charges to the laboratory and a fee.

(b) All samples submitted for analysis shall be taken in accordance with the current regulations of sampling set forth by the United States department of agriculture by authority of the Federal Seed Act.

(c) Seed testing shall be done in accordance with the current association of official seed analysts' rules for testing seed.

(d) The state seed analyst may provide a list of recommended fees for seed testing and services to the seed laboratory advisory group.

(e) The seed laboratory advisory group shall review the state seed analyst's list and provide their recommendation for testing and service fees to the board.

(f) Fees for testing and services shall become effective upon approval by the board. The board may set testing and service fees at different levels for in-state and out-of-state samples.

(g) The state seed analyst, upon approval by the board, may enter into a separately negotiated contract with a government entity to provide testing and services at approximate cost.

**11-12-117. Disposition of collected funds.**

All funds collected from seed analyses shall be deposited in the general fund.

**11-12-118. Duty of district or county and prosecuting attorney to prosecute reported violations.**

Any district or county and prosecuting attorney to whom the director of the department of agriculture reports any violation of this act shall cause appropriate proceedings to be commenced and prosecuted in the proper courts without delay.

**11-12-119. Seed certification service; authority to make rules; fees; disposition thereof.**

The seed certification service of the college of agriculture of the University of Wyoming may engage in the certification of varieties of seeds and propagating materials, and make such rules and regulations with respect to certification and varieties eligible for certification as necessary to insure the production of certified seed of high quality. The seed certification service may charge reasonable fees for conducting the certification program, and shall use the funds received to defray the cost of conducting the certification program.

**11-12-120. False labeling of seeds; prohibited.**

It is unlawful for any person to attach or cause to be attached to any container of seeds or propagating materials, for the purpose of certifying the contents, any label or tag describing the contents as certified seed or propagating material, except labels or tags which are issued by the seed certification service of the college of agriculture, University of Wyoming, for the purpose of certification.

**11-12-121. False labeling of seeds; false labeling as prima facie evidence of violation.**

Any label or tag prohibited by W.S. 11-12-120 found attached to any container of seed or propagating material is prima facie evidence of a violation of W.S. 11-12-120 by the person falsely labeling or tagging the container.

**11-12-122. Quarantine.**

(a) The board, in compliance with this act, may promulgate rules and regulations to establish a quarantine against movement of seed containing prohibited noxious weed seed and restricted noxious weed seed which exceeds the tolerance established and may enter into an agreement with law enforcement agencies to carry out the quarantine provisions.

(b) Repealed By Laws 2007, Ch. 8, 4.

(c) Repealed By Laws 2007, Ch. 8, 4.

(d) All seed shipments through the state shall be covered in a prescribed manner so as not to allow the dissemination of noxious weed seed.

**11-12-123. Seed laboratory advisory group created; composition; appointment; officers; vacancy; meetings; quorum.**

(a) There is created a seed laboratory advisory group which shall be comprised of the following:

(i) Voting members shall be:

(A) One (1) member of the board, appointed by the chairman of the board;

(B) One (1) member representing organizations whose primary goal is improved seed production, appointed by the board;

(C) Two (2) members representing the Wyoming seed industry, appointed by the board;

(D) Two (2) members who are certified or contract seed growers, appointed by the board;

(E) One (1) member who is a person interested in seed quality, appointed by the board.

(ii) Nonvoting members shall be:

(A) The director of the Wyoming department of agriculture or his designee;

(B) The University of Wyoming experiment station director;

(C) The head of the University of Wyoming college of agriculture plant science department or his designee;

(D) The Wyoming seed certification service manager, who shall serve as the seed laboratory advisory group secretary;

(E) The state seed analyst.

(b) All voting members shall serve terms of three (3) years. A member may serve for more than one (1) term.

(c) The chairman and the vice-chairman shall serve terms of two (2) years with the vice-chairman succeeding the chairman. The chairman and vice-chairman shall be elected by a majority of the voting members at the annual meeting. In the event that the chairman is not able to complete his term, the vice-chairman shall complete that term in addition to serving the succeeding term. In the event the vice-chairman is unable to complete his term, an election of a new chairman and vice-chairman shall take place at the next annual meeting.

(d) In the event of a vacancy on the seed laboratory advisory group, the board shall appoint a new member to complete the term of the vacating member.

(e) One (1) regular meeting shall be held annually in conjunction with a Wyoming crop improvement industry meeting, as called by the chairman or as called by a majority of the voting members.

(f) A majority of the voting members shall constitute a quorum.

#### **11-12-124. Seed laboratory advisory group duties.**

(a) The seed laboratory advisory group shall:

(i) Maintain a policy of operation manual, which shall be reviewed by seed laboratory advisory group members at the annual meeting, and shall contain the policies and operational procedures of the seed laboratory advisory group;

(ii) Serve in an advisory role to aid the state seed analyst, the University of Wyoming, the Wyoming department of agriculture and the board in the management of the seed laboratory;

(iii) Annually review the price list for seed testing and services provided by the laboratory;

(iv) Recommend to the board as necessary, any changes to the price list or other fees of the laboratory;

(v) Review the annual seed laboratory report;

(vi) Recommend to the board as necessary, any major capital purchases needed by the laboratory;

(vii) Recommend to the board as necessary, the use of new technologies or other seed testing needs as they occur;

(viii) Provide support as necessary to seed laboratory customers;

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**11-12-125. Penalties; director authorized to investigate and file complaint.**

(a) Any person violating any provision of this act is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined not more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00), or imprisoned for not more than six (6) months, or both for each offense. Each day shall constitute a separate violation.

(b) The director is authorized to investigate alleged violations and to file a complaint with the proper district or county and prosecuting attorney for the prosecution of violations.

(c) Any person found guilty of violating any provision of W.S. 11-12-101 through 11-12-124, shall reimburse the state for the cost of any control actions, treatments, quarantine, confiscation, destruction or removal of any seed from the state resulting from the violation. Amounts collected under this subsection shall be paid to the department of agriculture technical services division account.

## CHAPTER 51

### REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO SEED LAW

Section 1. Authority. Pursuant to authority vested in the Department of Agriculture by W.S. 11-12-104(a) and the Board of Agriculture by virtue of W.S. 11-12-113 and W.S. 16-3-101 through 16-3-115, the following regulations are hereby promulgated and adopted.

Section 2. Purpose of rules. These rules pertain to establishing prohibited noxious, restricted noxious, and regulated weed species in the state of Wyoming, and establishing a tolerance for these species. These rules also include seed cleaning establishment requirements, adoption by reference of the current edition of the Federal Seed Act Regulations Part 201, <http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?SID=03d3df93572efff5f7ee29fa68465030&node=pt7.3.201&rgn=div5>.

Section 3. Definitions.

- (a) "Board" means the Wyoming Board of Agriculture.
- (b) "Department" means the Wyoming Department of Agriculture.
- (c) "Large seeded crops" means crops with seeds the size of winter wheat or larger.
- (d) "Prohibited" means none allowed.
- (e) "Restricted" means there is an established allowable tolerance.
- (f) "Regulated" means there is an established tolerance specific to the issue.
- (g) "Seed Cleaning Establishments" means any entity that processes grain to be seed for establishing a crop.
- (h) "Small seeded crops" means crops with seeds smaller than winter wheat.
- (i) "Tetrazolium test" or "TZ test" means a chemical test which indicates seed viability.
- (j) "Person" includes an individual, partnership, corporation, company, society, or other association.
- (k) "Weed Seeds" includes the seeds of all plants generally recognized as weeds within this state, and includes noxious weed seeds.
- (l) "Reclamation Species" means native or introduced species used for range or fire re-vegetation, not intended to include agronomic crops.

(m) "Weight" shall be understood and construed to mean the net weight.

Section 4. Prohibited Noxious Weeds. No seeds from the following noxious weeds are allowed.

Bindweed, field	<i>Convolvulus arvensis</i> L.
Blueweed	<i>Echium vulgare</i> L.
Burdock, common	<i>Arctium minus</i> (Hill) Bernh.
Bursage, skeletonleaf	<i>Ambrosia tomentosa</i> Nutt.
Camelthorn	<i>Alhagi maurorum</i> Medik.
Campion, bladder	<i>Silene vulgaris</i> (Moench) Garcke subsp. <i>vulgaris</i>
Crupina common	<i>Crupina vulgaris</i> Cass.
Daisy, oxeye	<i>Leucanthemum vulgare</i> Lam.
Dodder	<i>Cuscuta</i> spp.
Goatgrass, jointed	<i>Aegilops cylindrical</i> Host
Halogeton	<i>Halogeton glomeratus</i> (M. Bieb.) Ledeb.
Hawkweed, orange	<i>Hieracium aurantiacum</i> L.
Hemlock, poison	<i>Conium maculatum</i> L.
Henbane, black	<i>Hyoscyamus niger</i> L.
Hound's tongue	<i>Cynoglossum officinale</i> L.
Knapweed, black	<i>Centaurea nigra</i> L.
Knapweed, diffuse	<i>Centaurea diffusa</i> Lam.
Knapweed, meadow	<i>Centaurea x moncktonii</i> C. E. Britton
Knapweed, Russian	<i>Rhaponticum repens</i> L. Hidalgo
Knapweed, spotted	<i>Centaurea stoebe</i> subsp. <i>micranthos</i> (Gugler) Hayek
Knapweed, squarose	<i>Centaurea squarrosa</i> Willd.
Loosestrife, purple	<i>Lythrum salciaria</i> L.
Medusa-head	<i>Taeniatherum caput-medusae</i> (L.) Nevski subsp. <i>caput-medusae</i>
Millet, wild proso	<i>Panicum milliaceum</i> L. subsp. <i>ruderales</i> (Kitag.) Tzvelev
Olive, Russian	<i>Elaeagnus angustifolia</i> L.
Pepperweed, perennial	<i>Lepidium latifolium</i> L.
Puncturevine	<i>Tribulus terrestris</i> L.
Quackgrass	<i>Elymus repens</i> L. Desv. ex Nevski
Saltcedar	<i>Tamarix</i> spp.
Salvation jane	<i>Echium plantagineum</i> L.
Sandbur, field	<i>Cenchrus incertus</i> M. A. Curtis
Sandbur, longspine (mat)	<i>Cenchrus longispinus</i> (Hack.) Fernald
Skeletonweed, rush	<i>Chondrilla juncea</i> L.
Sowthistle, perennial	<i>Sonchus arvensis</i> L.
Spurge, leafy	<i>Euphorbia esula</i> L.
Starthistle, purple	<i>Centaurea calcitrapa</i> L.
Starthistle, yellow	<i>Centaurea solstitialis</i> L.

St. Johnswort	<i>Hypericum perforatum</i> L.
Swainsonpea	<i>Sphaerophysa salsula</i> (Pall.) DC.
Tansy, common	<i>Tanacetum vulgare</i> L.
Thistle, Canada	<i>Cirsium arvense</i> (L.) Scop.
Thistle, musk	<i>Carduus nutans</i> L.
Thistle, plumeless	<i>Carduus acanthoides</i> L.
Thistle, Scotch	<i>Onopordum acanthium</i> L.
Toadflax, Dalmatian	<i>Linaria dalmatica</i> (L.) Mill.
Toadflax, yellow	<i>Linaria vulgaris</i> Mill.
Tussock, serrated	<i>Nassella trichotoma</i> (Nees) Hack. ex Arechav.
Whitetop	<i>Lepidium draba</i> L.
Woad, dyers	<i>Isatis tinctoria</i> L.

Section 5. Restricted Noxious Weeds. The tolerance for restricted noxious weeds, unless otherwise stated, shall be fifty (50) seeds per pound in small seeded crops and five (5) seeds per pound in large seeded crops.

Cinquefoil, sulphur	<i>Potentilla recta</i> L. ‘Warrenii’
Dock, curly	<i>Rumex crispus</i> L.
Knotweed, Japanese	<i>Fallopia japonica</i> (Houtt.) Ronse Decr.
Lettuce, blue	<i>Lactuca tatarica</i> subsp. <i>pulchella</i> (Pursh) Stebbins
Licorice, wild	<i>Glycyrrhiza lepidota</i> Pursh
Mallow, Venice	<i>Hibiscus trionum</i> L.
Mustard, wild	<i>Sinapis arvensis</i> L. subsp. <i>arvensis</i>
Oat, wild	<i>Avena fatua</i> L.
Plantain, buckhorn	<i>Plantago lanceolata</i> L.
Povertyweed	<i>Iva axillaris</i> Pursh
Ragweed, perennial	<i>Ambrosia psilostachya</i> DC.

Section 6. Regulated Weeds. The tolerance for regulated weeds is specified for each species as shown below. These species are not considered to be prohibited or restricted noxious weeds.

- Cheat *Bromus secalinus* L. – Tolerance shall be 1,200 seeds per pound.
- Downy brome *Bromus tectorum* L. – Tolerance shall be 1,200 seeds per pound.
- Feral rye *Secale cereale* L. subsp. *cereale* – Tolerance shall be none (0) in small grains other than rye.
- Japanese brome *Bromus japonicus* Thunb. – Tolerance shall be 1,200 seeds per pound.
- Ripgut brome *Bromus diandrus* Roth var. *rigidus* (Roth) Sales – Tolerance shall be 1,200 seeds per pound.

Section 7. Amendments and changes to the Prohibited, Restricted and Regulated weed lists and the Reclamation Species List, and considerations for such actions.

a) The procedures for amending or changing the Prohibited, Restricted, and Regulated weed lists and the Reclamation Species list are as follows:

(i) A person may propose an amendment or change to the lists, which shall be presented in writing to the State Seed Analyst.

(ii) The State Seed Analyst shall present the proposed amendment or change to the Seed Lab Advisory Group. The State Seed Analyst with the Seed Lab Advisory Group shall approve or disapprove the proposed amendment or change by motion at the next regular scheduled meeting of the Seed Lab Advisory Group or at a special Seed Lab Advisory Group meeting, and if approved, shall forward the recommendation for change to the Department and the Board.

(iii) The Board shall consider the recommended change at its next scheduled meeting, and if approved, direct the Department to institute the process to change the regulations.

(iv) The following may be considered in the decision to include a weed on the Prohibited, Restricted, or Regulated weed lists.

- (1) Invasiveness.
- (2) Economic harm to ranching, farming, or general public.
- (3) Impact on native species, including plants and wildlife.
- (4) Toxicity to grazers.
- (5) Other relevant factors.

Section 8. The date of test for germination or TZ.

(a) The date of germination or TZ testing shall not exceed the following:

- (i) Agricultural seed: twelve months excluding the month of the test;
- (ii) Flower and vegetable (greater than 1 pound containers), reclamation species seed: twelve months excluding the month of the test;
- (iii) Cool season lawn and turf grasses: fifteen months excluding the month of the test;
- (iv) Seed in hermetically sealed containers: 24 months excluding the month of the test;

(v) Flower and vegetable (less than 1 pound containers) must indicate a “sell-by” or “packed-for” date or year, respectively.

Section 9. Tetrazolium (TZ) testing. Exceptions allowing labeling with a tetrazolium (TZ) test.

(a) The reclamation species below are in the rules for testing and may be labeled using either a germination or a tetrazolium (TZ) test.

Balsamroot	<i>Balsamorhiza</i> pp.
Bitterbrush	<i>Purshia</i> spp.
Cliffrose	<i>Purshia</i> spp.
Kochia, forage	<i>Bassia prostrata</i>
Lupine	<i>Lupinus</i> spp.
Mormon-tea	<i>Ephedra</i> spp.
Mountain-Mahogany	<i>Cercocarpus</i> spp.
Needlegrass	<i>Achnatherum</i> spp.
Needlegrass	<i>Nassella</i> spp.
Penstemon	<i>Penstemon</i> spp.
Rabbitbrush	<i>Chrysothamnus</i> spp.
Ricegrass, Indian	<i>Achnatherum</i> spp.
Sagebrush	<i>Artemisia</i> spp.
Saltbush	<i>Atriplex</i> spp.
Winterfat	<i>Krascheninnikovia</i> spp.

(b) Any species not listed in the germination table of the rules for testing as cited in W.S. 11-12-101 may be labeled using a germination or a tetrazolium (TZ) test.

Section 10. Minimum Germination Standards for Vegetable Seeds:

(a) Vegetable seeds must have a germination equal to or better than those listed in Section 201.31 of the Federal Seed Act Regulations Part 201- Germination standards for vegetable seeds in interstate commerce.

(b) The minimum germination standard for vegetable seeds, for which no other standard has been established, shall be 50%.

Section 11. Tags and Labels.

(a) The following weight or seed count requirements apply:

(i) Net weight is required on all containers and shall be clearly and plainly labeled.

(ii) Pre-planted containers, mats, tapes, or other planting devices shall state the minimum number of seeds in the container.

(iii) When a seed bag is used, the weight information may appear on a seed tag rather than on the seed bag.

Section 12. Altering of Tags or Labels. No tag or label attached or imprinted upon the exterior of the container or displayed on the container as required by W.S. 11-12-105, shall be altered or defaced in any manner. Any tag or label altered or defaced is voidable.

Section 13. Blank Spaces Defined. Blank spaces are construed to mean "0.00" for the purpose of applying the tolerances prescribed in these regulations.

Section 14. Seed Laboratory Name Not Used in Advertising. The name of the State Seed Laboratory shall not be used for advertising purposes in connection with seed analysis reports.

Section 15. Seed Cleaning Establishments.

(a) To be licensed as a certified seed cleaner, seed cleaning establishments must meet the requirements set forth below.

(i) The approval status of all certified conditioners will be reviewed annually by the Wyoming Seed Certification Service. All approved plants are subject to inspection during normal business hours.

(ii) A certified conditioner must have a designated person in charge of each facility and handling of certified seed. The designated person must be trained and have experience in handling, sampling, and labeling certified seed.

(iii) All seed conditioning plants, including all seed handling equipment, will be thoroughly cleaned between each seed lot to prevent contamination or varietal mixture.

(iv) All seed cleaning establishments must keep complete and accurate records showing identity, origin, every process, and every movement of each lot of seed from the time of receipt until delivery. These records must be maintained for 7 (seven) years.

(v) Federal and state seed laws and Wyoming certification standards must be complied with in the production, cleaning, labeling, sampling, shipment, and sale of certified seed.

(vi) All seed conditioners shall properly contain weed seed to prevent spread and proliferation of weeds.

(vii) If no approved seed conditioning plant is located within one-hundred fifty miles (150 miles) hauling distance of a seed grower, a non-approved plant may be approved on a one-time basis only to clean that lot of seed for that particular grower. A thorough inspection must be conducted by the Seed Certification Service and an inspection fee must be paid before that lot of seed may be cleaned.

(viii) Conditioners must comply with all appropriate regulations and standards outlined in the Wyoming Certified Seed Handbook with respect to conditioning specific crops. The Wyoming Certified Seed Handbook as revised in February 2007 is adopted, but does not include any later amendments or editions. Copies are available for public inspection and may be purchased at cost from the Wyoming Seed Certification Service, 747 Road 9, Powell, Wyoming 82435, <http://wyseedcert.com/>; or the Wyoming Department of Agriculture, 2219 Carey Avenue, Cheyenne, WY 82002, <http://wyagric.state.wy.us/>.

(b) All seed cleaning establishments shall adhere to Wyoming seed law and these regulations.

Section 16. Adoption of Federal Seed Act Regulations, 7 CFR 201.38 through 201.76. The Federal Seed Act Regulations, 7 CFR 201.38 through 201.76, currently in effect and not including any later amendments or editions are adopted. Copies are available for public inspection and may be purchased at cost from the Wyoming Department of Agriculture, 2219 Carey Avenue, Cheyenne, WY 82002, <http://wyagric.state.wy.us/> and may also be inspected at the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal Plant Health Inspection Service, Plant Protection and Quarantine, 5353 Yellowstone Road, Suite 208, Cheyenne, WY 82002, [http://www.aphis.usda.gov/wps/portal/aphis/ourfocus/planthealth?1dmy&urile=wcm%3Apath%3A%2Faphis\\_content\\_library%2Fsa\\_our\\_focus%2Fsa\\_plant\\_health%2Fsa\\_program\\_overview%2Fct\\_sphd](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/wps/portal/aphis/ourfocus/planthealth?1dmy&urile=wcm%3Apath%3A%2Faphis_content_library%2Fsa_our_focus%2Fsa_plant_health%2Fsa_program_overview%2Fct_sphd); the Wyoming Seed Certification Service, <http://wyseedcert.com/> or the University of Wyoming Agriculture Experiment Station, <http://www.uwyo.edu/uwexpstn/centers/powell/>, both located at 747 Road 9, Powell, WY 82345.