

FIELD PEA SEED CERTIFICATION STANDARDS

I. APPLICATION AND AMPLIFICATION OF GENERAL CERTIFICATION STANDARDS

The General Seed Certification Standards are basic and together with the following specific standards, constitute the standards for certification of field pea.

II. LAND REQUIREMENTS

- A. A field, to be eligible for the production of Foundation, Registered and/or Certified peas shall not have been planted to peas for five (5) years for foundation and two (2) years for Registered and Certified classes unless the previous crop was under certification and of the same variety and class.

III. FIELD INSPECTIONS

- A. Seed fields shall be inspected once prior to harvest, preferably at flowering time when varietal purity can best be determined. Harvest operations, including swathing and combining, prior to field inspection or reinspection are cause for rejection of the field.
- B. **Application for certification must be submitted by June 1 of each year in which seed is produced.**

IV. FIELD STANDARDS

A. General

1. Unit of Certification

The unit of certification shall be a field, or a portion of a field separated from the remainder by a definite boundary not in peas at least five (5) feet wide.

B. Specific Field Requirements

Factor	Maximum Permitted in Each Class (ratio of plants)		
	Foundation	Registered	Certified
Other Varieties*	none ⁽¹⁾	1:2000	1:1000
Other Crops (inseparable)	none ⁽¹⁾	1:2000	1:1000

Prohibited Noxious Weeds (*Lack of evidence of control will be cause for rejection*)

⁽¹⁾ None tolerance means none found during the normal inspection procedures. None is not a guarantee to mean the field inspected is free of this factor.

V. SEED STANDARDS

Standards for Each Class			
Factor	Foundation	Registered	Certified
Pure Seed (Min.)	98.00%	98.00%	98.00%
Inert Matter (Max.)	2.00%	2.00%	2.00%
Other Crop Seed (Max.)	none ⁽¹⁾	0.25%	0.50%
Weed Seed (Max.)	0.10%	0.10%	0.25%
Noxious Weeds ⁽²⁾	none ⁽¹⁾	none ⁽¹⁾	none ⁽¹⁾
Germination (Min.)	85.00%	85.00%	85.00%

(1) None tolerance means none found in the sample submitted. None is not a guarantee to mean the lot inspected is free of the factor.

(2) None of the Prohibited Weeds listed in the General Standards.