

## Notice of Changes to *Circular 6* (*Canadian Regulations and Procedures for Pedigreed Seed Crop Production*) Effective in 2020

The following changes were approved by the CSGA Board of Directors to become effective in 2020. A complete revised 2020 version of the *Canadian Regulations and Procedures for Pedigreed Seed Crop Production (Circular 6)* will be available on the CSGA website and hardcopy versions will be available from the CSGA office.

**Effective in 2020**, the following changes are made to the *Canadian Regulations and Procedures for Pedigreed Seed Crop Production (Circular 6)*:

1. **Requirements for the Demotion of Select Seed** are clarified with the addition of text specifying that if Select seed is to be demoted to a lower status, a Foundation crop certificate must be obtained from the CSGA to meet the requirements of the *Seeds Regulations* for seed to be of Foundation, Registered or Certified status if graded with one of the Canada Foundation, Registered or Certified grade names. To further demote Foundation status seed to Registered or Certified, the standard procedure for the demotion of Foundation status seed shall be followed. (Section 1.12.3)
2. **Land Use Requirements for Wheat, Rye and Triticale** are revised to a) correct the **Select Winter wheat** requirement by clarifying that “a Foundation, Registered or Certified crop of Wheat” must not be produced in the prior year b) correct the **Select Spring Wheat** requirement by clarifying that “a Certified crop of Wheat” must not be produced in either of the preceding 2 years and c) make the **Triticale and Rye** requirements the same as Wheat for both **Select and Foundation** production with the exception of preventing a crop of Durum in the year prior. (Table 2.2.5 and Table 12.4.3)
3. **Maximum Impurity Standard for Wild Oats in Oat Crops** are revised by removing the requirement for counts of Wild Oats to be subject to the same maximum impurity standards as off-types/other varieties of Oats. Instead of being included in counts, the presence of Wild Oats in Oat crops will be reported by frequency related to the number of plants/100m<sup>2</sup> (clean, trace, few, numerous or very weedy). Crop certificates for fields produced in **Ontario and Western Canada** where the frequency is “Few” or “Numerous” for Wild Oats will include a “warning” for the grader that Wild Oats were found in the crop. Crop certificates for fields produced in **Quebec and Eastern Canada** will continue to include the warning if any Wild Oats were present in the crop. **Fields grown anywhere in Canada will only be declined due to the presence of Wild Oats if the overall field rating is “very weedy”** where the Wild Oats cover the seed crop and do not permit the inspector to assess varietal purity. (Sections 2 and 12)
4. **NEW Standards for Hybrid Mustard (Hybrid *B. juncea* and Hybrid *S. alba*) for Certified production** of the hybrid (Section 5) and for **Foundation Plot Production** of the parent seed. (Section 13)

5. **Revised Terminology for “Ethiopian” Mustard;** now referred to as **Carinata**. In Sections 4, 5 and 13 all references to Ethiopian Mustard have been replaced with Carinata (*B. carinata*) to bring the terminology in line with that of the rest of the industry.
6. **Select and Foundation Plot Sample Requirements for Variety Verification** are revised to require one sample per variety, instead of requiring a separate sample for each individual plot. (Sections 11, 12 and 13)
7. **Tobacco Requirements** are revised related to: a) propagation requirements, b) clarifying that seed pods or heads picked prior to inspection are not eligible for certification, c) clarifying **timing of inspection**, d) **isolation requirements**, e) the addition of **weed requirements** similar to other sections (i.e. no prohibited noxious, very weedy fields will be declined) and f) clarifying **maximum impurity** requirements. (Section 18)