

Uniform System for Bringing Varieties into Certification in the United States

Determining Eligibility of Varieties for Certification

- A. The AOSCA Eligibility Requirements for Varieties, as defined in AOSCA General Requirements for Seed Certification Standards, shall be observed in determining the eligibility of a variety for certification by a vested member agency.

The right of each vested member agency and/or governmental unit to establish its own eligibility requirements inclusive of items A-I under Eligibility Requirements for Varieties is acknowledged.

- B. Processes recognized by AOSCA in which varieties may be entered into seed certification include favorable action by one or more of the following which have considered the required varietal information, as listed above in “II. Eligibility Requirements for Varieties” (items A. through I.)
1. AOSCA Variety Review Board; or
 2. Plant Variety Protection office or Breeder Rights statements (with additional items A through I, under Eligibility Requirements for Varieties, as needed); or
 3. Any individual AOSCA vested member agency; or
 4. Acceptance for certification under the OEDC seed schemes (with additional items A through I, under Eligibility Requirements for Varieties).

AOSCA recognizes all of these processes for admitting varieties into seed certification.

Uniform System for Bringing Pre-Variety Germplasms into Certification in the United States

Determining Eligibility of Pre-Variety Germplasms (PVG's) for Certification

- A. The AOSCA Eligibility Requirements for Germplasms, as defined in AOSCA General Requirements for Seed Certification Standards, shall be observed in determining the eligibility of a germplasm for certification by a vested member agency.

The right of each vested member agency and/or governmental unit to establish its own eligibility requirements inclusive of the AOSCA Eligibility Guidelines for Pre-Variety Germplasm Types is acknowledged.

- B. The process recognized by AOSCA in which germplasms may be entered into seed certification via favorable action by individual vested member agencies which have considered the required germplasm information, as referenced above in “AOSCA Eligibility Guidelines for Pre-Variety Germplasm Types and associated AOSCA documents: Pre-Variety Germplasm Requirements and Standards, Site Logs 1 and 2, and Application for Pre-Variety Germplasm.

Species accessions (germplasms) may be collected on native or naturalized sites by public agencies, NGO's, and private companies for the purpose of direct revegetation planting or for cultivated seed production as manipulated or natural (non-manipulated) germplasms. Wild collected or field produced Pre-Variety Germplasms are eligible for entry into seed certification. The AOSCA Tree, Shrub, and Native Plant Committee PVG Advisory Committee may be consulted for aid in the process of determining eligibility for Pre-Variety Germplasms applied for certification. Individual AOSCA vested member agencies are responsible for determining the final status of these applications.

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