Association of Official Seed Certifying Agencies

Proposed Changes to Standards/Guidelines

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Change to AOSCA: Standards X Guidelines _____

Crop Kind: Hemp AOSCA Commodity Committee _____

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Proposal Origination: AOSCA _____ Region _____ Agency _____ Other _____

Location in the AOSCA Standards/Guidelines (give specific citation):
HEMP (CANNABIS SATIVA L. SUBSP. SATIVA) CERTIFICATION STANDARDS
I. B. 4 page 64

FEMINIZED HEMP SEED (FHS) (CANNABIS SATIVA L. SUBSP. SATIVA) CERTIFICATION STANDARDS
I. B. 3. page 69

Original text of the Standards/Guidelines:
Growers may be required by regulatory agencies to obtain THC test results according to applicable regulations. Growers may be required to submit THC test results to the seed certifying agency before the seed can be certified.

Amended text of the Standards/Guidelines:
Growers may be required by seed certifying agencies to obtain additional tests and submit results to the seed certifying agency before the seed can be certified. In addition, growers must meet all applicable State and Federal testing requirements.

Brief summary about the background, purpose, and intent of this change:
We believe that requesting a specific test for certification should not be a requirement in the standards. Additionally, we would like to have a broader term used to give agencies the flexibility to state the test they would require before certification can be completed (i.e. THC, feminization or hybridity).

Narrative addressing seed industry impact/support/concern/other:
This should have little or no impact on the industry.

Summary of discussion(s) held by AOSCA and Seed Certifying Agencies:

Timeline and plan for the proposal:

Final disposition: