

## Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA

## § 201.76

### § 201.75 Interagency certification.

Interagency certification may be accomplished by participation of more than one official certifying agency in performing the services required to certify a lot of seed.

(a) The certifying agency issuing labels for all classes of certified seed shall require the seed on which the labels are used to meet standards at least equal to the minimum genetic standards for the seed in question as specified in Table 5 of this part.

(b) Seed to be recognized for interagency certification must be received in containers carrying official certification labels, or if shipped for processing, evidence of its eligibility from another official certifying agency, together with the following information:

- (1) Variety (if certified as to variety) and kind;
- (2) Quantity of seed (pounds or bushels);
- (3) Class of certified seed;
- (4) Inspection or lot number traceable to the previous certifying agency's records.

(c) Each label used in interagency certification shall be serially numbered or carry the certification identity number and clearly identify the certifying agencies involved, the variety (if certified as to variety), and the kind and class of seed. The seed lot number

or other identification number, the kind, and variety name (if certified to variety) shall appear on the official label and/or directly on the container in a position to be viewed in conjunction with the official certification label.

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### § 201.76 Minimum Land, Isolation, Field, and Seed Standards.

In the following Table 5 the figures in the "Land" column indicate the number of years that must elapse between the destruction of a stand of a kind and establishment of a stand of a specified class of a variety of the same kind. A certification agency may grant a variance in the land cropping history in specific circumstances where cultural practices have been proven adequate to maintain genetic purity. The figures in "Isolation" column indicate the distance in feet from any contaminating source. The figures in the "Field" column indicate the minimum number of plants or heads in which one plant or head of another variety is permitted. The figure in the "Seed" column indicate the maximum percentage of seed of other varieties or off-types permitted in the cleaned seed.