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performed; (c) the methods and instructions for the inspection of the seed (either Association of Official Seed Analysts (AOSA) or International Seed Testing Association (ISTA) rules); (d) the name and address of the applicant and, if made by an authorized agent; and (e) such further information relating to the inspection as may be required.

§ 75.12 When application deemed filed.

An application shall be deemed filed when received by the Division or the Federal Seed Laboratory.

§ 75.13 When application may be rejected.

Any application for service may be rejected by the Director (a) for non-compliance with the Act or the regulations relating to applications for service in this subpart, or (b) when it is not practicable to provide the service. Each such applicant shall be promptly notified in writing.

§ 75.14 When application may be withdrawn.

An application may be withdrawn at any time before the requested service is rendered. The applicant will remain responsible for payment of expenses incurred in connection therewith as provided in § 75.44.

§ 75.15 Authority of agent.

Proof of authority of any person making an application as an agent may be required in the discretion of the official receiving the application.

§ 75.16 Accessibility of seeds.

Each lot of seed for which a lot inspection is requested shall be placed by the applicant so as to permit the entire lot to be sampled and a representative sample to be obtained as required.

§ 75.17 Testing.

Upon request by the applicant, tests may be made for kind, variety, germination, purity, weed seeds, disease pathogens, treatment, moisture, and other special tests, or any combination thereof for which prescribed methods of testing are established. The tests shall be in accordance with the methods of either the Association of Official Seed

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Analysts (AOSA) or the International Seed Testing Association (ISTA) as requested by the applicant.

§ 75.18 Sampling.

Sampling, when requested by the applicant, shall be in accordance with the methods of either the Association of Official Seed Analysts (AOSA) or the International Seed Testing Association (ISTA), depending upon the test method requested by the applicant.

§ 75.19 Seed lot inspection.

A lot inspection shall be made by obtaining a representative sample from a specified quantity of seed identified with a distinguishing mark or number to appear on all containers in the lot, and performing such test(s) as may be requested by the applicant. The identification mark or number must be approved by the inspector and will appear on the certificate to be issued.

§ 75.20 Submitted sample inspection.

A sample inspection shall be made by testing a sample of seed submitted by an applicant for inspection.

§ 75.21 Grain sample inspection.

A sample inspection shall be performed by examining official grain samples received from FGIS to identify specified weed and crop seeds upon the request of FGIS.

§ 75.22 Form of inspection certificate.

Inspection certificates shall be approved by the Director as to their form. No correction, erasure, or other change shall be made in the information on a certificate.

§ 75.23 Issuance of inspection certificate.

After an inspection has been completed, an inspection certificate shall be issued showing the results of the inspection in accordance with paragraph (a) or (b) of this section.

(a) *Lot inspection certificate.* A lot inspection certificate shall be issued to include the name of the inspector sampling and sealing the seed lot, the analysis results from testing the sample, the identifying mark or number which has been approved by the inspector to appear on each container in the seed

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lot, and any other factual information pertinent to the inspection.

(b) *Sample inspection certificate.* A sample inspection certificate shall be issued to show the results of the inspection of a sample of seed or grain submitted by an interested party. Each sample inspection certificate shall state the results of the inspection that applies only to the sample described in the certificate.

(c) *General authorization to issue certificates.* Certificates for inspections may be issued by any inspector authorized by the Director to perform the inspection covered by the certificate.

(d) *Name requirements.* The name and signature of the person who issued the inspection certificate shall be shown on the certificate. The original certificate must be signed, and the signature or a stamped facsimile shall be shown on each copy.

§ 75.24 Disposition of inspection certificate.

Upon issuance, the original and one copy of each inspection certificate shall be delivered or mailed to the applicant or otherwise delivered or mailed in accordance with the applicant's instructions. One copy of each inspection certificate shall be filed in the Federal Seed Laboratory. In case of a lost or destroyed certificate, a duplicate thereof labeled as such may be issued under the same number, date, and name.

§ 75.25 Issuance of corrected certificate.

(a) If any error is made in an inspection, a corrected inspection certificate may be issued.

(b) The original and copies of the corrected certificate shall be issued as promptly as possible to the same interested persons who received the incorrect certificate.

(c) The corrected certificate shall supersede the incorrect inspection certificate previously issued. The corrected certificate shall clearly identify, by certificate number and date, the incorrect certificate which it supersedes.

(d) The original and all copies of the superseded incorrect certificate shall be obtained by the Director, if possible. If it is not possible to obtain the origi-

nal and all copies of the superseded certificate, to the extent possible, all parties involved will be notified to prevent misuse of the superseded certificate and the corrected certificate so marked as to the outstanding certificate.

APPEAL INSPECTION

§ 75.26 When appeal inspection may be requested.

A request for an appeal inspection may be made by any interested party regarding the results of an inspection as stated on an inspection certificate. Such request shall be made within thirty (30) days following the day on which an inspection certificate was issued.

§ 75.27 How to file an appeal.

Any request for an appeal inspection may be made orally or in writing to the Federal Seed Laboratory. If made orally, written confirmation is required. The applicant shall clearly state the reasons for requesting the appeal service. The original and all available copies of the certificate shall be returned to the appeal inspector assigned to make the appeal inspection.

§ 75.28 When a request for an appeal inspection may be withdrawn.

A request for an appeal inspection may be withdrawn by the applicant at any time before the appeal inspection is performed: *Provided*, that, the appellant shall pay any expenses incurred in connection with the appeal as provided in § 75.46.

§ 75.29 When an appeal may be refused.

A request for an appeal inspection may be refused if:

(a) The reasons for an appeal inspection are frivolous or not substantial;

(b) The quality or condition of the seed has been altered since the inspection covering the seed on which the appeal inspection is requested;

(c) The lot in question in a lot inspection is not or cannot be made accessible for sampling;

(d) The lot relative to which appeal inspection is requested cannot be positively identified by the inspection as the lot from which drawn samples were