

APPENDIX B

OREGON FOREST TREE SEED CERTIFICATION STANDARDS
Effective July 1, 1968

I. PURPOSE OF CERTIFICATION

The purpose of adopting tree seed certification is to maintain and make available to the public forest tree seeds properly identified as to species and origin. Origin means the area within which the seed was collected and is described by location, elevation, and provenance. Location may be given by latitude and longitude, or geographic description, or political subdivision, such as state and county. If seed was collected from other than a predominantly native stand, the provenance (original geographic source of the stand) or the phrase "provenance not stated" shall be added.

CLASSES OF CERTIFICATION

Four classes of certification shall be provided as follows:

- A. Certified (Blue tag): Seed from genetically superior, progeny tested parents, which are either in a seed orchard or were plus trees with control pollination.
- B. Select Origin-Certified (Green tag): Seed from identified rogued superior stands or identified superior individual mother trees.
- C. Origin-Certified (Yellow tag): Seed identified as collected within specific published* seed origin zones within 500 foot elevation bands.**
- D. Audit Certificate Class: Seed identified as collected from within specific published seed origin zones* and from within 500 foot elevation bands** as based on a thorough audit of the applicant's records and evidence of compliance with prescribed procedures. The seed will be identified by a certificate issued by the Certifying Agency to accompany the seed.

III. APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION

A request for certification service for the current year crop must be in the office of the Oregon State University Seed Certification Service, Farm Crops 102, Corvallis, Oregon 97331, five days prior to collection but not later than September 1, accompanied by the proper fees. The Certifying Agency reserves the right to refuse late applications.

*Western Forest Tree Seed Council Tree Seed Zone Map, as in effect on the effective date of these regulations or as approved by the Agency.

**Standard elevation bands and standard codes for the adopted herein are:

0-500	feet	0.5	2001-2500	feet	2.5
501-1000	feet	1.0	2501-3000	feet	3.0
1001-1500	feet	1.5	3001-3500	feet	3.5
1501-2000	feet	2.0	3501-4000	feet	4.0

IV. BASIS FOR CERTIFICATES

- A. Certified and Select Origin-Certified Classes: Stands qualifying for these classes must be inspected and approved by the Certifying Agent prior to harvest. Certifying Agent will exercise inspection and control during all steps from cone collection to sale of seed.
- B. Origin-Certified Class: Seed to qualify for this class must have been produced from cones that were:
1. Identified as to place and elevation in feet of collection by picker over his signature, on a label which he has attached to each container of cones in a field near the point of collection and prior to transportation in a vehicle; and
 2. Collected in an area where seed origin zone and elevation band boundaries are marked on roads, or picker has other means of identifying place of collection; and
 3. Identified as to zone and elevation band of origin by cone buyer or supervisor of collection on label over his signature following interview with picker and verification or correction of picker's identification of place of collection; and
 4. Collected or purchased by seedsman or his representative under conditions, such as one of the following, that minimizes incentive for a picker to mislabel origin:
 - a. Cone buying station located and collections made behind locked gates, with cone buyer making no refusal to purchase nor differential in price for any cones on account of origin; or
 - b. Collections made by pickers under effective control of seedsman or his representative, such as employees, or preregistered pickers who each day advise the seedsman's representative in advance of approximate field location where they can be found making collections; or
 - c. Cones purchased at an open buying station that buys all cones presented with no refusal to purchase nor price differential made on account of origin.

V. INSPECTIONS

Inspections by Certifying Agents will include spot inspections of:
(1) Field collection and labeling by pickers; (2) seedsman procedures in instructing and controlling pickers to assure correct field labeling by pickers; and (3) procedures followed by cone buyers or supervisors in verifying correctness of picker's identification of place of collection and in labeling origin by zone and elevation. Inspections will also cover all phases of cone handling, transporting, storage, processing, seed warehousing, sales and all records covering these operations.

Audit Certificate Class: Certificates will be issued on basis of audits made of records maintained by the applicant covering all cone purchases, handling, processing, storage, and sales. Certificates will be issued only on lots properly documented. Participating seedsmen must furnish Certifying Agency with information on all cone buying stations or collection operations prior to start of buying or collection as a basis for spot inspection of cone buying stations. All seed lots in the applicant's inventory or harvest must be included in the audit.

Initial or subsequent audits will be made at the applicant's place of business during any normal business hour.

Audit certificate class does not require that cone pickers label each sack in the field, provided that in lieu thereof cone buyer consistently follows a practice of interrogating cone picker or seller as to origin of cones and the two, seller and buyer, agree on and join in signing a statement of origin for either each separate container or each separate lot of cones. If statement is not on tag attached to container, it shall be referenced to each separate container in the cone lot by a serial number, lot number, or code with the statement or copy made available at the processing plant or seedsmen's office for Certifying Agent's audit.

The audit certificate class does not imply or require Certifying Agent's inspection of field collections.

VI. BASIS FOR REJECTION

Any seed lot may be rejected at any time if in the opinion of the inspector the applicant has failed to meet the Standards and Procedures set forth or has failed to maintain proper lot identity. The privilege of certification may be withdrawn by the Certifying Agency through its Certifying Agent for a definite period of time in cases of flagrant violations of the Certification Standards and Procedures.

VII. BASIS FOR REFUSAL TO INSPECT

The Certifying Agency reserves the right to return cones and refuse certification when the location of a stand or buying station is such that inspection would be unduly expensive, or when the applicant has failed to follow rules governing certification, including payment of certification services previously rendered.

VIII. RIGHT OF APPEAL

If applicant believes an erroneous decision has been rendered, he may appeal. The appeal must be in writing to the Oregon State University Certification Board. The Board, through its Certifying Agency, reserves the right to charge the applicant the cost of an appeal inspection if the initial decision is upheld.

IX. SEED STANDARDS

The Certifying Agency may refuse to certify seed that fails to meet the following standard, and may require that a test be made before tagging if the seed obviously does not meet the following standards. The test will be considered a special service.

Specific requirements:

Pure seed (minimum).....	95.0%
Other species or varieties (maximum).....	.5%
Inert matter (maximum).....	5.0%

X. FEES

A. Origin-Certified (Yellow tag):

- \$.40 per bushel of cones collected.
- 6 of fee to be paid at the time of application.
- 40% of fee to be paid when processing is complete.

B. Audit Certificate class:

Cost of initial audit for current year harvest will be charged at the rate of \$10 per hour plus mileage and per diem; plus \$.05 per pound for all seed sold.

of audit cost fee on estimated harvest will be paid at time of application.

40% of the fee will be paid at the conclusion of the audit. \$.05 per pound fee on all seed sold for the seed harvested in current year and subsequent years will be paid periodically as seed is sold.

C. Special Services - on cost basis.

D. Refunds may be made in cases of overpayment of fees.

E. The Certifying Agency may adjust fees if they determine that costs are significantly more or less than anticipated, provided that increases shall not exceed 25% of above schedule.