



Standards and Regulations for Certified Turfgrass Production

VEGETATIVELY PROPAGATED TURFGRASS

SPECIFIC STANDARDS

H. Application of General Standards

- A. The general standards are basic and together with the following individual standards constitute the standards for certification of Vegetatively Propagated Turfgrass.
- B. The general standards are modified as follows:
 - 1. Foundation Turf - shall be the vegetative increase of Breeder's turf, or the increase of Foundation turf.
 - 2. Registered Turf – shall be the vegetative increase of Foundation turf.
 - 3. Certified Turf – shall be the vegetative increase of Foundation or Registered turf.
 - 4. All fields of all classes of Certified turf are eligible for harvest with no restriction on time from establishment so long as they are approved at field inspection and not in violation of any intellectual property rights or Breeder's release policy for that specific variety.

II. Land Requirements

- A. A field to be eligible for the production of Foundation, Registered or Certified turf must be free of all other perennial and/or annual grass species.
- B. A field to be eligible for the production of Foundation, Registered or Certified turf, shall be thoroughly treated with an appropriate soil fumigant preceding the time of planting; or as an alternative, the field can lay idle for an entire growing season with the grower applying for pre-planting inspected by February 1 of that year. The field will be inspected three times during the growing season, the same as planted fields. If the field is approved after the third (September – October) inspection, the field can then be planted. Inspection charges for this alternative method will be the same as for fields under production.

III. Field Standards

- A. General:
 - 1. Inspection**

An inspection shall be made within four weeks following planting and a minimum of three inspections shall be made each year during the growing season at a time when there is sufficient growth to make the identification of all perennial and /or annual grass species and off-type.

2. Unit of Certification

The entire acreage standing at the time of inspection shall be subject to inspection as a unit.

3. Roguing

A field shall be rogued sufficiently during the growing season to remove any other perennial grasses or other undesirable plant mixtures.

4. Isolation

A field to be eligible for the certification of turf must be isolated from other perennial and/or annual grass by a barrier that will prevent encroachment or mechanical mixing during harvesting. Each field shall be identified numerically.

B. Specific Requirements:

Factor	Foundation	<u>Maximum Permitted</u> Registered	Certified
Other varieties and off-types	None	None	* 1 per ac.
Noxious weeds	None	None	None

*Off-types may be rogued and field reinspected; 1 per acre defined as an area no more than 2 feet in diameter.

IV. Labeling Shipments of Turfgrass

All sales of certified stock will be accompanied by a certification tag in the case of bag shipments and a certification certificate in the case of bulk shipments. A complete record of the amount of Certified material sold will be maintained and submitted to the Association. The record will include (A) class sold, (B) kind and variety, (C) field number, (D) date of harvest, (E) amount shipped.

V. Sod Standards

Factor	Foundation	<u>Maximum Permitted</u> Registered	Certified
Restricted Noxious Weeds	None	None	None
Prohibited Noxious Weeds	None	None	None
Off Types*	None	None	None

*Off types may be rogued and field reinspected.