

## GRASSES: VEGETATIVELY PROPAGATED

### I. **Explanation of General Standards as applied to Vegetatively Propagated Grasses**

A. The General Seed Certification Standards as adopted are basic and, together with the following specific standards, constitute the standards for certification of vegetatively propagated grasses.

B. The General Standards are further defined as follows to apply specifically to vegetatively propagated grasses:

#### 1. Classes and Sources of Certified Seed

a. Foundation stolons or plants will be produced by the Kentucky Foundation Seed Project or by the sponsoring agency.

b. Registered stolons or plants shall be the progeny of foundation sprigs or plants.

c. Certified stolons or plants shall be the progeny of foundation or registered sprigs or plants.

2. Handling of crop prior to inspection – A field must be rogued sufficiently during the growing season to remove any mixture of other varieties of the crop being certified or other undesirable plant mixture that cannot be separated during the packing operations.

### II. **Land Requirements**

To be eligible for the production of all certified classes of stolons or plants, a field must have been free at planting time of other strains of the same species or objectionable species.

### III. **Field Inspections**

An inspection must be made during the growing season at a time when there is sufficient growth to make the identification of other varieties of strains possible.

#### IV. Field Standards

##### A. General Requirements

1. Unit of certification – The entire acreage standing at the time of inspection must be subjected to inspection as a unit.

2. Isolation – To be eligible for the certification of stolons or plants, a field must be isolated from any other strain of the same species or other objectionable species by maintain a barrier that will prevent encroachment or mechanical mixing during harvest.

##### B. Specific Requirements

<u>Factor</u>	<u>Maximum Permitted in 1000 Square Feet</u>		
	<u>Foundation</u>	<u>Registered</u>	<u>Certified</u>
Other Varieties (maximum)	None	1	3

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#### V. Planting Stock Standards \*

The following planting stock standards must be met (% to be determined by count):

<u>Factor</u>	<u>Foundation</u>	<u>Registered</u>	<u>Certified</u>
Pure Living Sprigs (minimum)		90.00%	90.00%
Other Living Plants (maximum)		2.00%	2.00%
Objectionable Weeds (maximum) **	None	None	None

\* Sod must meet the field standards and be free of plants of objectionable weeds.

\*\* Include all noxious weeds. See “Noxious Weed Seed” Section 4 of Regulations under the Kentucky Seed Law.