

May 6, 2010

Cindy Finneseth
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RE: Letter of Support- AOSA Rules Proposal
Coated Seed Purity and Germination Procedures-Proposal 14

Dear Chairperson Finneseth and AOSA Rules Committee,

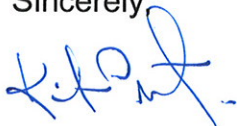
The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company is a grower and marketer of high quality grass seed products. For 140 years, The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company has been helping consumers create and enjoy healthy lawns and beautiful gardens. From our humble beginnings in 1868, our company has evolved to a global leader with many recognizable brands, such as Miracle-Gro, EZ Seed, and Turf Builder Grass Seed.

We would like to express our support for the AOSA Rules Proposal #14- Coated Seed Purity and Germination procedures. We believe the current AOSA Rules proposal will effectively address the seed lab testing requirements of coated grass seed.

Additionally, we would like to recognize the USDA, AOSA/SCST, and all other contributors for their efforts on the Rules proposal. Developing the proposal has been a collaborative effort among Federal & State agencies and the grass seed industry. We thank all stakeholders for their role in this process.

In summary, we support the AOSA Rules Proposal for Coated Seed Purity and Germination Procedures-Proposal 14, and urge the AOSA Rules Committee to adopt the proposal.

Sincerely,



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