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TO: All Users of the AOSA Rules for Testing Seeds

FROM: Gil Waibel, AOSA Rules Chair 2010-2013

RE: AOSA RULES FOR TESTING SEEDS TENTATIVE CHANGE – 2010

A Tentative Rules Proposal was submitted to the AOSA Rules Committee, and subsequently approved by the AOSA Executive Board, to be included in the AOSA Rules for Testing Seeds by Reed Barker (Grass Genomics Testing) Sharon Davidson (Agri Seed Testing), DaNell Jamieson (BioDiagnostics, Inc.) and Pegadaraju Venkatramana (BioDiagnostics, Inc.).

The section of the Rules that is impacted by this change is: 5.2 Identification and cultivar determination (p. 98). The purpose of the rule, as stated in the proposal, is to add additional or optional test methods to further identify ryegrass growth types. The detailed procedures for the two test method will be published in the AOSA Cultivar Purity Handbook.

This change is effective immediately. Use of the tentative rules is not mandatory, but an opportunity to utilize a new method. For this change to become permanently incorporated into the Rules a formal proposal must be submitted and go through the traditional process of review and membership voting as any other change.

A webpage has been set up that includes the Tentative Rule, the two detailed procedures that will be included in the revised Cultivar Purity Handbook, the Tentative Proposal and the supporting documentation submitted by the authors. You can access this information from the AOSA website: www.aosaseed.com/rules_committee.com

Please contact the AOSA Executive Assistant if you want to receive a printed copy of the proposal and procedures, this will be provided at no charge. A printed copy of the Tentative Proposal will be included with every AOSA Rules CD that is ordered.

Detailed information regarding tentative proposals from the AOSA Bylaws (ARTICLE XI - RULES FOR TESTING SEEDS Section 3) follows:

Tentative Rules are accepted for publication as an addendum to the Rules for Testing Seeds upon review by the Rules Committee and the approval by a majority of the Executive Board, but shall have no official status. The Rules Committee will recommend to the Executive Board the acceptance or rejection of a tentative rule. This committee will provide a written rationale for their recommendation. The final decision for accepting or rejecting a tentative rule rests with the Executive Board. The purpose of a tentative rule shall be to give the membership of the Association an opportunity to apply and evaluate a new method of testing seed before the method is submitted as a proposed rule. For a tentative rule to become a part of the Rules for Testing Seeds of the Association, it must be submitted as a rule proposal to the Rules Committee, along with supporting evidence, and be adopted by the Association in accordance with Section 1 and 2 above.