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Offering Seed for Sale in Connecticut

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Connecticut General Statutes [Chapter 424](#) contains the Connecticut Seed Law, the Regulations concerning seed offered for sale in this state are [here](#).

Definitions:

“Agricultural Seed” means any kind of crop seed commonly recognized within this state as agricultural seeds, lawn seeds or combinations of such seeds, including, but not limited to, any grass, forage, oil or fiber seed. “Agriculture Seed” includes any noxious weed seed when the Seed Control Officer determines that such seed is used as an agriculture seed.

“Pure Seed” means seed exclusive of inert matter and all other seeds not of the seed being considered, as determined by methods defined by rule, as adopted by the Association of American Seed Control Officials, effective October 1, 1978, and amended from time to time.

“Variety” means a subdivision of a kind that is distinct, uniform and stable.

“Stable” means that the variety will remain unchanged in its essential and distinctive characteristics and its uniformity when reproduced or reconstituted as required by the different categories of varieties

Hemp is an “Agricultural Seed” and must be labeled by an individual registered with the department. (see Agricultural and Vegetable Seed Labeler Registration below)

Seed Label Requirements

(1) For all agricultural, vegetable and flower seeds that are treated:

(A) A word or statement indicating that the seed was treated.

(B) The commonly accepted coined, chemical or abbreviated chemical (generic) name of the applied substance or description of the process used.

(C) If the substance in the amount present with the seed is harmful to human or other vertebrate animals, a caution statement as follows: “Do not use for food, feed or oil purposes”. The caution indicator for mercurial and similarly toxic substances shall be a poison statement or symbol.

(D) If the seed is treated with an inoculant, the date beyond which the inoculant is not to be considered effective (date of expiration).

(2) For agricultural seeds, except cool season lawn and turf grass seed or mixtures thereof, seed sold on a pure live seed basis, or hybrids that contain less than ninety-five per cent hybrid seed:

(A) The name of the kind and variety for each agricultural seed component present in excess of five per cent of the whole and the percentage by weight of each, provided if the variety of those kinds generally labeled as to variety as designated or defined by rule, as adopted by the Association of American Seed Control Officials, effective October 1, 1978, and amended from time to time is not stated, the label shall show the name of the kind and the following words: "Variety Not Stated". Hybrids shall be labeled as hybrids.

(B) The lot number or other lot identification.

(C) The origin (state or foreign country), if known, of alfalfa, red clover and field corn except hybrid corn. If the origin is unknown, such fact shall be stated.

(D) The percentage by weight of all weed seeds.

(E) The name and rate of occurrence per pound of each kind of restricted noxious weed seed present.

(F) The percentage by weight of agricultural seeds, which may be designated as "crop seeds", other than those required to be named on the label.

(G) The percentage by weight of inert matter.

(H) The total of subparagraphs (D), (F) and (G) of this subdivision shall equal one hundred per cent.

(I) For each named agricultural seed:

(i) The percentage of germination, exclusive of hard seed;

(ii) The percentage of hard seeds, if present; and

(iii) The calendar month and year the test was completed to determine such percentages.

(J) The "total germination and hard seed", if desired, provided such information shall follow the information required by subparagraphs (A) and (B) of this subdivision.

(K) The name and address of the person who labeled such seed, or who sells, offers or exposes such seed for sale in this state...

Agricultural and Vegetable Seed Labeler Registration

Complete the Seed Labelers License Application

<https://portal.ct.gov/DOAG/Commissioner/Commissioner/Seed-Agricultural-Lawn-or-Vegetable-Labeler-License>

Variety Names and Naming Varieties

For more information on naming varieties please visit the following links.

<https://www.ams.usda.gov/rules-regulations/fsa/variety-names>

<https://www.ams.usda.gov/rules-regulations/fsa/variety-naming>

<https://www.ams.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media/FactsAboutNamingAndLabelingVarietiesofSeed.pdf>

Seed Label Example

INDUSTRIAL HEMP CANNABIS SATIVA HYBRID - VARIETY: [REDACTED]

LOT# 2018 WFS1

98.90% PURE SEED	GERMINATION: 96%
1.68% DORMANT/HARD SEED	ORIGIN: COLORADO
00.00% OTHER CROP SEED	TEST DATE: 12/15/2018
1.10% INERT MATTER	NET WEIGHT: 1 lb 455g
00.00% WEED SEED	[REDACTED] AGRICULTURAL SEED [REDACTED]
NOXIOUS WEEDS: NONE FOUND	[REDACTED]