

TURFGRASS SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS AND PROCEDURES

1. An official certificate or tag must accompany each shipment of certified sprigs, sod, plugs or turf.
2. An official tag must be attached to each bag of certified seed.
3. A complete record on the amount of certified sod sales will be maintained and made available to the official certifying agency. The record will include (a) class of certified sod sold (Foundation, Registered or Certified), (b) kind and variety, (c) field number, (d) date of harvest, (e) amount of sod shipped (square feet, cubic feet, bushels, etc).
4. Records required for "Grass Seed Certification Standards" will also apply for these turfgrass standards.

Information and Fees for Turfgrass Inspections

1. Required Inspections (see standards for details)
 - A. Normal Certification
 1. Preplant – One required before planting.
 2. Annual – Two per year required when sod is harvested. One before each harvest when seed is harvested.
 3. Maintenance of Purity – One per year required when sod or seed is not harvested.
 - B. Special Certification – Modified standards as agreed upon. These must be equal to or more stringent than OCIA normal standards.
2. Dates
 - A. The deadline for filing applications for field inspections is MARCH 1 of each year. Only one application per year required for each variety/certification class/land section combination. An application cannot contain more than one variety, one certification class and fields within more than one section.
 - B. Preferred inspection dated
 2. Preplant – October in year prior to planting.
 3. Annual – May, October.
 4. Maintenance of purity – July.
3. Mileage
 - A. No mileage will be charged when applications are submitted prior to MARCH 1.
 - B. A round-trip fee at the current IRS rate or a fee of \$50 (whichever is greater) will be charged when applications are late.
4. Annual Application Fee (per applicant)
 - A. \$1000.00/year for normal certification
 - B. \$2000.00/year for special certification
5. Inspection Fees (each inspection/each field)
 - A. Normal Certification Fee - \$20.00/acre of part of acre up to 20 acres then \$10.00/acre over 20.
6. Special Certification Inspection fees are same as for normal certification
7. Fees for additional requirements will be agreed upon prior to acceptance of modified standards.