



Official Seed Tags

An Official Tag is a label that is either “issued” or “approved” by the CFIA. An Official Tag is “approved” when the CFIA receives, reviews and approves an application submitted by a Registered Seed Establishment (RSE) for the printing of Official Tags. The RSE must complete and submit the application entitled “*Request Form for the Grant of a Licence to Print Official Seed Tags and Resulting Licence Agreement Terms and Conditions*” to seek approval from the CFIA for printing Official Tags. The RSE must receive a written approval from the CFIA prior to printing Official Tags. If RSE does not meet the application requirement, CFIA may reject an application made by the RSE for the printing of Official Tags.

Frequently Asked Questions and Answers on

“Request Form for the Grant of a License to Print Official Seed Tag and Resulting Licence Agreement Terms and Conditions”

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Q 1. What is the “Request Form for the Grant of a Licence to Print Official Seed Tags and Resulting Licence Agreement Terms and Conditions” (i.e. Request Form) used for? ([Home ↑](#))

The “Request Form for the Grant of a Licence to Print Official Seed Tags and Resulting Licence Agreement Terms and Conditions” i.e. the “Request Form”, is a formal procedure for Registered Seed Establishments (RSEs) to apply for and receive approval from the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) to print “Official Seed Tags” to label pedigreed seed lots.

Q 2. Who can use the “Request Form” to apply for approval to print “Official Seed Tags”? ([Home ↑](#))

Registered Seed Establishments (RSEs) registered under Part IV (Registration of Establishments that Prepare Seed and the Licensing of Operators) of the *Seeds Regulations* (http://laws.justice.gc.ca/en/showdoc/cr/C.R.C.-c.1400/bo-ga:l_IV//en#anchorbo-ga:l_IV) can apply for and receive approval from the CFIA to print “Official Seed Tags”.

Q 3. Is there an alternative to applying for approval to print “Official Seed Tags”? ([Home ↑](#))

Yes. “Official Seed Tags” can also be obtained (if available) from the CFIA Regional office. A list of CFIA Regional Offices can be found at the following web address: <http://www.inspection.gc.ca/english/directory/offbure.shtml>. Please contact the CFIA District/Regional office closest to your location.

Q 4. Who can obtain approval to print “Official Seed Tags”? ([Home ↑](#))

Approval to print “Official Seed Tags” is only granted to “Registered Seed Establishments”. Establishments not registered under Part IV of the *Seeds Regulations* will not receive approval from the CFIA to print “Official Seed Tags”. Businesses operating as printers will not receive approval from the CFIA to print “Official Seed Tags”.

Q 5. Can a Seed Establishment become “Registered”? ([Home ↑](#))

Yes. The Canadian Seed Institute (CSI) is a conformity verification body that accepts and reviews applications for registration of establishments, licensing of operators, and accreditation of graders. Please contact the CSI (<http://www.csi-ics.com>) for more information.

Q 6. Can printers (i.e. businesses operating as printers) advertise to print “Official Seed Tags” for Registered Seed Establishments (RSEs)? ([Home ↑](#))

No. “Official Seed Tags” are a property of the Government of Canada. Advertising for the printing of “Official Seed Tags” in any form or media is not permitted.



Q 7. What is an “Official Seed Tag”? ([Home ↑](#))

An “Official Seed Tag” has the same meaning as an “Official Tag” as defined in the *Seeds Regulations* (<http://laws.justice.gc.ca/en/showdoc/cr/C.R.C.-c.1400//en?page=1>) as amended from time to time.

Q 8. What are “Official Seed Tags” used for? ([Home ↑](#))

An “Official Seed Tag” is a label that is applied or attached to, included in, belonging to or accompanying any seed or package of seed being offered for sale for propagation.

Q 9. Can a RSE print “Official Seed Tags” on premise (on-site) or outside premise (off-site)? ([Home ↑](#))

Yes, an RSE can print “Official Seed Tags” on-site or off-site after receiving approval from the CFIA to do so. However, off-site printing will only be approved for printing in Canada.

Q 10. If an RSE prints “Official Seed Tags” outside premise (off-site), will the RSE be required to identify the printer (i.e. the printing company)? ([Home ↑](#))

Yes. The RSE seeking approval to print “Official Seed Tags” must provide complete information as specified in the “Request Form”. However, at the time of application, the RSE can request the CFIA to treat the printer information as Confidential Business Information (CBI).

Q 11. Can “Official Seed Tags” be printed on any material? ([Home ↑](#))

Yes. The material on which the “Official Seed Tags” are printed must be durable and tear resistant.