

Rules for Resealing Pedigreed Seed

The Seeds Act and Regulations prescribe specific requirements around the use of official tags and sealed packages of seed.

32. (1) *An official tag shall only be applied by or under the direction of an inspector or accredited grader*
10. (5) *Seed loses its pedigreed status when*
- (a) *sealed packages are opened elsewhere than in an approved conditioner registered under Part IV*

In order to be compliant with the requirements of the *Seeds Regulations* These guidelines **MUST** be followed

Further processing of a sealed seed is permitted by retailers of packaged seed, but:

- Tags **CANNOT** be reused after a bag of seed is opened
 - Original tags should be given to the customer
- The pedigreed status and grade is lost when the seal is broken
 - The lot **MUST** be re-graded
 - A new pedigreed seed declaration must be completed to record the activity if the lot is to be resealed as pedigreed seed

CSTA recommends that prior permission is obtained from the Canadian distributor before opening any sealed bags of pedigreed seed

Special Circumstances

Sealed packages in proprietary branded bags and in pre-labeled packaging – marketers can have the official label pre-printed on bags that will be used to package seed at a Registered Seed Establishment

- These bags take on the responsibility of the tag – they convey the pedigreed grade name and the lot number at time of sale
- When such containers are opened by a Registered Seed Establishment or a retailer, the seal is broken and that bag takes on the same restrictions on reuse as a tag removed from a sealed package
- These packages **CANNOT** be resealed or closed under ANY circumstances
- The seed needs to be re-graded, new tags need to be printed and attached to new packaging

Please adhere to these guidelines when treating certified seed

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