

Rules for Re-Sealing Pedigreed Seed

Protect the Seed – Protect Yourself



In order to be Compliant with the Requirements of the Seeds Regulations These Guidelines **MUST** be Followed

- Only approved conditioners registered by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) and operating under the Canadian Seed Institute's (CSI) Approved Conditioner program may open and re-seal bags of pedigreed seed.
 - Seed in bags opened elsewhere than in the facility of an approved conditioner **immediately and permanently loses** its pedigreed status.
- Even if the bag is opened by an approved conditioner, CFIA requires that a new pedigreed seed declaration be completed if the seed lot is to be re-sealed as pedigreed seed. A new tag must be applied.
- In all cases, pedigreed seed tags **MAY NOT** be re used after the seal is broken.

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

Sealed packages in proprietary bags and in pre-labeled packaging

- Some marketers have been authorized by the CFIA to pre-print official tags directly on to 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 the time of sale.
- When these bags 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
 - If the bags are opened by an approved seed conditioner, a new pedigreed seed declaration needs to be completed, and new tags need to be printed and attached to new packaging.

Please adhere to these guidelines when treating pedigreed seed



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