

Rules Change Proposal – 2

PURPOSE: To reclassify junegrass (*Koeleria macrantha*) as crop rather than weed in the AOSA Rules for Testing Seeds Vol. 3. Uniform Classification of Weed and Crop Seeds when found as a contaminant in agriculture, range, and turf seed.

PRESENT AND PROPOSED RULE:

AOSA Rules for Testing Seeds Vol. 3. Uniform Classification of Weed and Crop Seeds

NOMEN #	SCIENTIFIC NAME	COMMON NAME	FAMILY	SPP. CLASS	CONTAMINATING CLASSIFICATION						
					A	F	H	R	S	T	V
314896	<i>Koeleria macrantha</i>	junegrass	Poaceae	A, R, T	WC	W	W	WC	W	WC	W

SUPPORTING EVIDENCE: According to the current classification, *Koeleria macrantha* is classified as agriculture, range and turf. However, when found in these species kinds it is to be classified as a weed. The following web sites contain information on the use of junegrass, which is used in lawn/turf and forage/fodder applications. It is also native to much of North America. Since junegrass is produced and marketed as agriculture, range and turf we along with our stakeholders believe it should be classified as a crop when found as a contaminating species in agriculture, range, and turf species.

- http://plants.usda.gov/plantguide/doc/pg_koma.doc
- <http://www.mtqf.org/fieldday/FD08PB1GeneticImprovement.pdf>
- <http://a-c-s.confex.com/crops/2008am/techprogram/P39972.HTM>

HARMONIZATION AND IMPACT:

There is not harmonization with ISTA, Canada or the Federal Seed Act. ISTA classifies all contaminating species as other seed; the Federal Seed Act leaves the classification up to the individual states; and, the Canadian Methods and Procedures do not have junegrass listed as a crop. However, junegrass is being produced and marketed in the United States for agriculture, turf and range purposes. Therefore it is practical to classify it as crop when found as a contaminant in these species.

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