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RE: Letter of Support- AOSA Rules Proposal
Coated Seed Purity and Germination Procedures-Proposal 14

AOSA Rules Committee,

Smith Seed Services based in Halsey Oregon has been in the seed business for nearly 60 years now. Our company has recently added a seed coating operation to service the consumer and professional turf markets as well as the forage grass and legume markets. Our mission is to provide our customers with high quality seed coatings with proven biological benefit.

Proposal 14 is a key step forward in analyzing coated verses raw germinations, and eliminates much of the current variability in testing methodology. As written, the proposal provides a benchmark that will bring consistency and repeatability in both purity and germination testing.

We would like to offer our full support for the inclusion of Proposal 14 to the AOSA rules and guidelines for seed testing, and thank the committee for its careful consideration.

Sincerely,

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