

## SUB CLOVER RULES Ref SR 023

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### Applicable to distinguishable & indistinguishable cultivars.

The following Rules are to be applied in conjunction with the "General Rules" for the certification of seed for sowing that contain the general procedures.

#### OBJECTIVE

To provide for the certification of Sub Clover Seed (*Trifolium subterranean*) that is true to type with minimal levels of virus and other diseases.

#### PADDOCK HISTORY

Land will not be eligible for registration for the production of basic or certified sub clover seed if any part of the area nominated has grown a sub clover crop other than a basic or certified crop of the same cultivar in the previous three (3) years.

#### ISOLATION

Areas must be at least five (5) metres to any other cultivar of sub clover.

#### INSPECTIONS

Inspections are to be carried out in any year seed is to be harvested.

A seedling inspection is also required for indistinguishable cultivars.

#### Additional requirements for indistinguishable cultivars

New sowings require an unsown strip of land to be left in the crop. The strip

must be at least one (1) metre wide and form a circuit of the paddock one third from the outside.

The strip must not be treated in anyway to prevent the growth of naturally occurring seedlings. Failure to leave this strip may make the crop ineligible for certification.

The number of successive harvests may be limited depending on the status of seed sown.

#### CROP REJECTION

Seed may be rejected for the purposes of certification if the area fails to comply with the following requirements at any inspection:-

- basic seed - maximum off-types - 0.5 %
- certified seed - maximum off-types - 5 %

#### SEED QUALITY STANDARDS

Seed must meet the standards as listed hereunder to be eligible for labelling as basic or certified seed.

Germination Min	70 %	excluding hard seed
Pure Seed Min	98 %	
Other Seed Max	0.7 %	