

# GRASS SEED

## GENERAL

This evaluation procedure outlines the Department's approval process for Grass Seed Manufacturers.

## SPECIFICATIONS

TDOT Standard Specification 918.01  
Rules of TDOA Division of Marketing Chapter 0080-05-06  
Tennessee Code Annotated 43-10-118

## PROCEDURES

The Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) will use the Tennessee Department of Agriculture's (TDOA) Rules in its approval process. Inclusion on the Producer List is based on certification that the manufacturer meets the above specifications and review of seed test reports.

For the purposes of this procedure, a Manufacturer is described in TCA 43-10-118 as every seed seller whose name appears on the analysis label, bulk container, or shipping invoice for sale of seed to a non-labeler.

TDOT will use TDOA's Seed Seller Program in the approval process. Manufacturers are required to submit annually to receive a Seed Seller License. To be placed on the Producer List, a Manufacturer must submit to TDOT a valid license from TDOA for the current year.

In addition to the requirements of the preceding statement, for each type of seed approved, a certified laboratory report from a Society of Commercial Seed Technologists accredited commercial seed laboratory or from a State seed laboratory showing the analysis must be provided. The report shall be signed by a Registered Member of the Society of Commercial Seed Technologists. The laboratory report shall be effective for a nine month period from date of test exclusive of the calendar month in which the test was completed as per TCA 43-10-109 (B) or until the lot of seed that the test report represents is depleted. Failure to send in a new report before the expiration of the previous report by either date or expenditure of the specific lot will result in removal of that seed from the list.

A Manufacturer must, before July 1st of every year, submit to TDOT an updated license. Failure to conform to this deadline will result in being removed from the Producer List and having to resubmit according to the above procedures prior to being placed back on the list.

All submittals must be submitted to Headquarters Materials and Tests Division at the contact listed below.

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