

MICHIGAN SEED LAW (EXCERPT)
Act 329 of 1965

***** 286.704.amended THIS AMENDED SECTION IS EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 7, 2016 *****

286.704.amended Agricultural seed, mixtures of agricultural seed, and vegetable seed in containers of more than 1 pound; required information.

Sec. 4. For agricultural seed and mixtures of agricultural seed, and for vegetable seed in containers of more than 1 pound, the following information is required:

(a) The commonly accepted name of the kind, or kind and variety, of each agricultural or vegetable seed component in excess of 5% by weight of the whole and the percentage by weight of each in the order of its predominance. If the director has determined in rules promulgated under this act that a component is generally labeled as to variety, the label shall bear, in addition to the name of the kind, the name of the variety or the statement "variety not stated", except for vegetable seed, which shall be labeled as to kind and variety. If any component is a hybrid, the label shall also bear the name of the hybrid and the word "hybrid" in connection with the kind of agricultural or vegetable seed component. If the seed is a blend, the word "blend" shall appear on the label in connection with the name of the kind of agricultural or vegetable seed component. If more than 1 component is required to be named, the word "mixture" or "mix" shall be stated conspicuously on the label.

(b) The lot number or identifying mark.

(c) The percentage by weight of all weed seed present.

(d) The percentage of germination exclusive of dormant or hard seed, and the percentage of dormant or hard seed, if present, and the calendar month and year that these percentages were determined by test for each agricultural seed named.

(e) For cool season lawn and turf seed and mixtures, the statement "Sell by", which shall be not more than 15 months from the date of the germination test exclusive of the month of the test.

(f) For alfalfa, red clover, and white clover, the state or foreign country where originally grown. If the origin is unknown, that fact shall be stated.

(g) The name and the number per pound, if present, of each kind of the restricted noxious weed seed, except buckhorn and yellow rocket, which must be shown on the label only if in excess of 90 seeds per pound.

(h) The name and complete address of the person who labels the seed or sells the seed within this state.

(i) Percentage by weight of crop seed other than those required to be named on the label, and this figure shall be shown under the heading "crop" or "other crop".

(j) Percentage by weight of inert matter. Any coating material shall be included as inert matter, and a statement of percentage of the coating material may be shown immediately following inert matter.

(k) For field bean seeds, a statement indicating that the lot has been field inspected and laboratory tested and meets the disease tolerances established by the director in the manner provided for in section 7a and a statement on the label indicating the state or foreign country of origin.

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Administrative rules: R 285.714.1 et seq. of the Michigan Administrative Code.