

PERENNIAL PEANUTS (ASEXUAL PROPAGATION) CERTIFICATION STANDARDS (2013)

I. Application and Amplification of General Certification Standards

A. The General Seed Certification Standards, as adopted by the association, when applicable to this crop, are basic and together with the following specific standards constitute the standards for perennial peanuts.

B. Classes and sources of certified stock are defined as follows:

1. **Foundation stock** shall be those plants identified by the developer of the cultivar as donor plants for vegetative plantings. Foundation stock plants will be:

- a. Inspected annually for conformance to the published cultivar description.
- b. Identified by map and GPS or greenhouse location.
- c. Foundation plants may be maintained indefinitely with breeder affidavit.
- d. In greenhouse Foundation stock plants shall be produced in containers with labeling of cultivar name and lot number (if applicable).

A complete record of the number or defined quantity of foundation plants sold for registered production will be maintained and made available to the official certifying agency. The record will include (a) class, (b) cultivar, (c) date of shipment, and (d) number of plants or quantity shipped.

2. **Registered stock** is produced from Foundation plants in a greenhouse or field. Registered stock plants will be:

- a. Inspected annually for conformance to the published cultivar description.
- b. Identified by map and GPS or greenhouse location.
- c. Registered plants may be maintained indefinitely.
- d. In greenhouse Registered stock plants shall be produced in containers with labeling of cultivar name and lot number (if applicable).

A complete record of the number of registered plants sold will be maintained and made available to the official certifying agency. The record will include (a) class, (b) cultivar, (c) date of shipment, and (d) number of plants or quantity shipped.

3. **Certified stock** is produced by vegetative plantings from Foundation or Registered stock in a greenhouse or field. Certified production fields will be:
 - a. Inspected annually for conformance to the published cultivar description.
 - b. Identified by map and GPS or greenhouse location.
 - c. Certified fields may be maintained indefinitely.

II. Inspections

Inspections and audit may be performed at any time during the production marketing cycle. Audits will be at the same rate as inspections.

All production sites (fields) will be inspected prior to planting to identify any possible contamination problems.

Minimum isolation from annual peanuts or contaminating other crops will be 20 feet.

Minimum isolation from perennial peanuts will be 100 ft.

IV. Field and Greenhouse Standards

Field and greenhouse production will be inspected annually for conformance to the published cultivar description and absence of contaminating grasses, weeds, other crops and or other varieties. No more than 1% off types are allowed, or more than 1% contaminating other plants are allowed in any certified class.

INSTRUCTIONS & PROCEDURES

1. Plants will be handled to prevent mixture.
2. Plants will be identified at all times to maintain identity.
3. Final dates for filing application for annual membership and inspections for existing production (fields):

March 15th

Application fee: \$500 for first acre or part thereof plus \$8 for each additional acre.

A pre-plant and pre-harvest inspection (for expansion) is required for new growers.

A field inspection is required each year for existing fields.

4. The certifying agency will provide certificates to the producer that will be completed in triplicate; one copy to the first buyer, one to the GCIA office and one copy retained by the grower. The certificate will document: (a) class, (b) cultivar, (c) date of shipment (d) number of plants or quantity shipped, (e) grower name and location.