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Authorized Seed Sampler Program

Helping Your Seed Exports move Seamlessly

SGS Brookings – Being an ISTA-accredited seed laboratory allows SGS Brookings to issue ISTA Orange and Blue Certificates. The laboratory testing and authorized sampler program at SGS Brookings are recognized by Canada and throughout the world.

ORANGE CERTIFICATES – SGS Brookings can issue ISTA Orange Certificates on seed lots being exported. ISTA Orange certificates may be considered a “seed passport” because they are recognized worldwide by custom officials at the ports. Orange Certificates do require sampling by an authorized seed sampler.

BLUE CERTIFICATES – Blue Certificates are especially helpful when moving seed into Canada. The agricultural border official must recognize ISTA certificates, as required by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA). SGS Brookings places the relevant grade table information in the remarks section of the Blue Certificate. The Grading Worksheet containing the seed lot's grade is also attached, which helps expedite the seed's movement. The SGS Brookings seed laboratory is recognized by Canada and we have grader accreditation for pedigree seed.

AUTHORIZED SAMPLER PROGRAM – SGS Brookings is the only ISTA-accredited laboratory in the United States that offers authorized sampler certification for seed samplers at private companies and public agencies. Once your company sampler becomes authorized they are allowed to sample for Orange Certificates and are automatically recognized by Canada. This allows your staff member to draw a sample for Canadian pedigree seed, which is very beneficial for realtime sampling and faster shipments. To learn more about having your staff trained as authorized samplers please visit the Seed Sampler section at www.seedservices.sgs.com.

