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Requirements for International Seed

- Complete International Seed Acquisition Form (80-10-21, 1) and submit to ALHemp@agi.alabama.gov
- Compliance with Federal THC Limit - License holders must use only seed, propagules, or plants that are demonstrated to conform to the 0.3% total delta-9-THC limit. Documentation of measured THC levels shall be submitted to ADAI with this request. Seed, propagules, or plants from outside of Alabama which are not reviewed and approved by ADAI are prohibited from use in Alabama. Any license holder found using seed, propagules, or plants not reviewed and approved by ADAI may be subject to the revocation of the Licensing Agreement in addition to any civil or criminal liabilities that may exist.
- A person shall not acquire propagules other than seeds from outside the United States.
- The department shall not approve an International Seed Acquisition form for any purpose other than seeds for planting in Alabama.
- Intellectual Property - License holders are prohibited from growing for replication any intellectual property or genetic lines for which they do not have a license or written permission from the property owner. A copy of any license or permission from the property owner shall be provided in writing to ADAI upon request. The Department shall not approve an International Seed Request form unless the License Holder affirms in writing that the Licensee's planned activities will not infringe on the intellectual property rights of any person.
- ADAI must be notified of the shipping details (company and importer broker name and contact information) as soon as it is known. That information should be emailed to ALHemp@agi.alabama.gov.
- Seed shall be shipped directly to the grower.
- Upon request from a representative of the department, an international seed source shall provide a distribution list showing locations where and to whom the imported hemp seeds were distributed.
- Upon request from a representative of the department, a representative seed sample may be secured (at the expense of the supplier) for testing by the ADAI Seed Testing Laboratory. Seed may be sampled at any time after entering Alabama.
- A person submitting an International Seed acquisition form will be required to obtain and submit an Organization of Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) certification.
- Certified Seed Required (Varietal Seed Certification) - Seed labeling and authenticity of documentation may be reviewed/ approved by Southern Seed Certifying Agency (SSCA) and/or USDA Seed Regulatory and Testing Division, Gastonia, NC.
- A valid Alabama Seed Dealers Permit is required (2-26-5). Email macie.cooper@agi.alabama.gov .