

Kansas Seed Law Basics

(the very basics)

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The Kansas Seed Law

- Kansas Statutes Annotated, chapter 2, article 14 (K.S.A 2-1415 to K.S.A 2-1427)
- Chapter 2: Agriculture
- Articles:
- [Article 9: Poultry](#)
- [Article 10: Commercial Feeding Stuffs](#)
- [Article 11: Sale Of Farm Produce](#)
- [Article 12: Fertilizers](#)
- [Article 13: Weeds](#)
- [Article 14: Sale And Distribution Of Agricultural Seeds](#)

Selling Seed In Kansas

- Must have a legal authority to sell that variety or cultivar. (licensing, PVP, seed use agreements, public domain)
- Must register with the Kansas Department of Agriculture as a Seed Retailer, or Seed Wholesaler -K.S.A 2-1421(a)
- Seed offered for sale must be tested and properly labeled - K.S.A 2-1416 (exception K.S.A 2-1421(c) but must still be legally authorized to sell that seed)

Labeling Seed for Sale - K.A.S 2-1417

- Name and address of labeler
- Variety and Kind or VNS and Kind (VNS not allowed for wheat, oat, barley, soybean) for any component >5%
- Lot number or other lot identification
- % Germination and test month/year (valid for 9 months)
- % by weight Pure Seed (kind)
- % by weight of all Weed Seed (restricted weeds – listed, under legal limits)
- No Noxious Weeds
- % by weight Inert Material (splints, soil peds, rat feces, chaff etc.)
- % by weight Other Crop Seed
- Origin (state where seed produced, not where sold)
- Seed Treatment (generic chemical name, any warnings) could be separate label

Other Key Points

- Labeler keep records of each lot 3 yrs, samples 1 yr
- “Certified Seed” means seed that has been through an official state seed certification program
- Kansas Department of Ag can place stop sales and/or order destroyed, seed that if found in violation of Act
- Federal Seed Act for seed across state lines
- Seed law protects the farmer. It is important to hold the seed industry to a high level of integrity, and each player should be held responsible

Additional Information

Kansas Department of Agriculture

<http://agriculture.ks.gov/divisions-programs/plant-protect-weed-control/seed>

Electronic Code of Federal Regulations

http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?tpl=/ecfrbrowse/Title07/7cfr201_main_02.tpl

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