Overview of the roles and responsibilities when using Recognition of Export Grain Analysis by Authorized Laboratories (REGAL) program

Grain shipments under the REGAL program include whole grains (not intended for planting), split dicots or grains that have the seed coat or hull removed

EXPORTERS

- use an approved sampler
- ensure grains to be tested are whole grains (not intended for planting), split dicots or grains that have the seed coat or hull removed
- ensure weed seeds to be tested are within the REGAL scope
- arrange courier service for sample shipment to the preferred REGAL laboratory
- submit to the CFIA:
  - a copy of the sample label (for bulk shipments) or copy of sample submission form (for containerized or railcar shipments)
  - report of analysis
  - phytosanitary certificate application

SAMPLER

- ensure minimum 1kg sample is submitted for testing
- Canadian Grain Commission for Bulk Vessel Shipments:
  - send sample and copy of sample label to REGAL laboratory
- CFIA Inspector/Canadian Grain Sampling Program Sampler for Containerized or Railcar shipments:
  - send sample and sample submission form to REGAL laboratory

AUTHORIZED REGAL LABORATORIES

- contact exporter or local CFIA office if weed seed testing request is unclear
- provide copies of report of analysis[1] and sample label (for bulk vessel shipments) or submission form (for containerized or railcar shipments) to exporter
- provide same information to the CFIA when a sample meets the detected criteria

[1] Sample test results will indicate detected or not detected for the destination country's weed seed requirements. Not tested will be used when a weed seed test was not conducted.

CFIA

- complete testing for samples outside REGAL program scope (testing for disease, weed seeds outside the REGAL program, seed shipments for propagation, and crushed or ground grains)
- interpret laboratory results provided in support of phytosanitary certification
- send completed phytosanitary certificate to exporter OR contact exporter for more info
- initiate follow-up action, as required