

Summary of RUSSL Amendments July 2011

The following two amendments were voted on and approved by the membership at the business meeting of the Association held on July 21, 2011:

Amendment #1:

In RUSSL Section 2, after part (k), add part (l) as follows:

- (l) *For combination products containing seed and granular fertilizer.*
- (1) *The word "combination" followed by the words "seed-fertilizer" must appear on the upper 30% of the principal display panel. The word "combination" must be the largest and most conspicuous type on the container, equal to or larger than the product name. The words "seed-fertilizer" shall be no smaller than one-half the size of the word "combination" and in close proximity to the word "combination".*
- (2) *On the analysis label, the percentage by weight of the fertilizer in the container shall be listed on a separate line as a component of the inert matter.*

In RUSSL Section 2 (c)(4), add a reference to the proposed amendment above by inserting the following italicized text in the second sentence:

"...other than material used for coating or pelleting, as in Section 2(d) or combination products, as in Section 2(k)(1) and Section 2(l)(1), to enhance the planting value..."

Who is proposing the amendment?

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Why is it needed?

The Scotts Company desires to market a blend of grass seed and granular fertilizer, called Scotts Turf Builder 2-in-1 Reseeding Mix, containing approximately 50% seed and 50% loose fertilizer (not a seed coating) by weight. RUSSL, as amended July 2007, does not allow the addition of loose/granular fertilizer to cool season lawn and turf grasses in an amount exceeding 10% or 15% by weight, as prescribed in Section 2(c)(4):

Amendment # 2:

A proposal by Wisconsin to italicize botanical names of plant names in the tables under Rule 12 and Rule 13 in SUGGESTED RULES AND REGULATIONS in RUSSL. (There is no attached document since this is more of a formatting consideration than a change to RUSSL content.)