

Meeting of the ISTA Bulking and Sampling Committee at the ISTA OM 2005

April 25, 9:00 - 9:30



Agenda

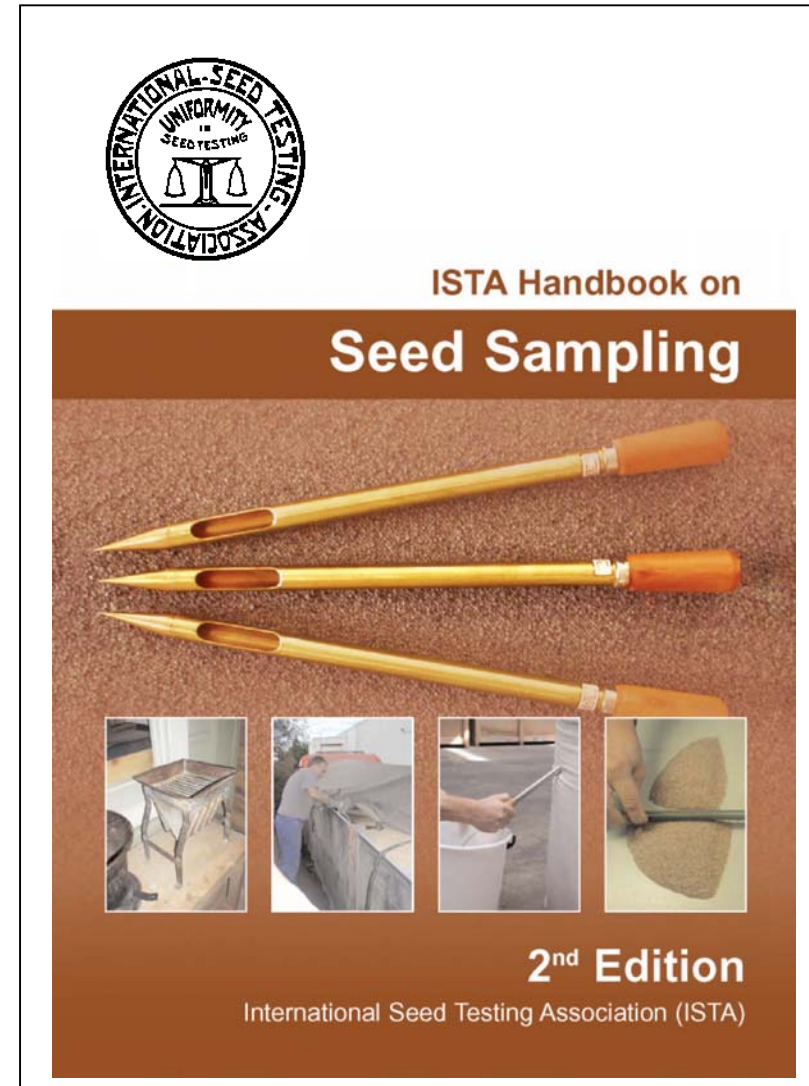
1. ISTA Handbook on Seed Sampling
2. ISTA Rules Changes
 - editorial merger of chapter 2
 - Rules change proposals 2005
3. ISF and OECD request for 30 t lot size for cereals
4. ISTA/ISF Experiment on Herbage Seed Lot Size
5. Validation of triers
5. Sampling of seed mixtures

**Working program
2004-2007**

1. ISTA Handbook on Seed Sampling



- Was published in autumn 2004,
- Only a few comments were received, all of them positive
- A few printing errors were found
- The content may need to be adapted to the Rules depending on the decisions during the ordinary meeting
- Thanks again to everybody involved!!!





Aspects for rewriting of chapter 2

Step 1

1. Merging of the brown and the white pages
2. Inclusion of relevant parts from chapter 11 and Appendix D

Step 2

1. Improving the sequence of paragraphs and their consistency
2. Keeping the chapter technical.
3. Separation of regulative issues into one paragraph



Progress in rewriting of chapter 2

Step 1

1. Establishing a draft for an editorial merger (chairman)
2. Meeting of a BSC working group together with the RUL chairman in Cambridge 12/13 July for discussion of the draft.
3. Adoption of the draft in the BSC and submission to the RUL in August.

Editorial merger of chapter 2

Step 2

1. Establishment of a draft for the new chapter 2 on the basis of the editorial merger (chairman)
2. Meeting of a BSC working group 27/28 September in Hohenheim. Thanks for input from STO.
3. Submission to the RUL and Secretariat in November.

Rules proposals 2005 for chapter 2



Recommendation of BSC 2004 in the case of prolonging the Experiment

A fourth phase is only recommended if a greater participation may be anticipated.

An amendment towards a check rate for “certified” companies may be helpful for a broader acceptance of the experiment.



Progress

The vice-chair was discussing with OECD and EU delegates about the acceptance of 20 to 25 t grass seed lots under the EU seed certification regulations within the experiment. The signals were encouraging.

A draft protocol for a fourth phase was established by the vice-chair, sent to OECD and EU, the first reaction was positive, formal decisions will be made later this year.

Draft protocol



Personal proposal 2004 of the BSC chairman:

1. BSC starts immediately to collect as much data as possible on uniformity of 30 t cereal seed lots (-> data set not available)
2. A research project may be started at Hohenheim, but this will need support from companies and ISTA laboratories.
3. **Propose a change to 30 t for ISTA OM 2005**
4. Continue data collection with „30 t ISTA seed lots“ after ISTA OM 2005 for 1 year
5. BSC together with STA evaluates the data and proposes a change of tolerance tables if necessary



Progress

A scandinavian working group started a joint project to validate different types of triers, as e.g. the tube trier and the stick trier with spiral arrangement of the apertures.

Data collection is planned to be done during this season.

6. Sampling of seed mixtures



Progress

A questionnaire was sent out to ISTA laboratories from Hohenheim as a part of a Master thesis.

The aim was to evaluate the presently used technique for sampling and sample dividing.

questionnaire

Results will be available soon and could add as a starting point to the Handbook on sampling and testing seed mixtures.

Thank you!!



Rules proposals 2005 for chapter 2

