Certificates for sublots

a proposal for your consideration

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One lot – one sample – one certificate
BUT in many countries ‘sublots’ are being traded

ISTA Rules do not allow OIC’s unless the lot is being resampled and retested.
Sublots are being sold

with national certificates:
they are rule rather than exception
That is fine, and of no concern of ISTA

or with DUPLICATE OIC’s:
which is not allowed, because duplicates are to be 100% exact copies of the ORIGINAL (referring to the whole lot)
So seed trade asked me to propose that ISTA allows ORIGINAL certificates for sublots, because trade would benefit from it.

ISTA needs to bring order in this uncontrolled situation and define under what conditions ORIGINAL certificates for sublots would be permissible.
The BSC report presented by Prof. Kruse does open the possibility.

And if we all agree that it would be worthwhile to investigate,

then we need to define the conditions (change tolerances?, minimum size?, adapt Rules, etc.)
So now we will discuss the desirability, but NOT HOW

That needs to be worked out in collaboration with the BSC

and hopefully can be presented for discussion in 2011

and after amendments presented for vote in 2012
The ordinary meeting of ISTA requests to investigate the possibility of issuing multiple seed certificates of the same status and value for one seed lot.