

# W.H.PERRON

## GOOD AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES CERTIFICATION (GAP)

The present document certifies that Norseco is an authorized seed importer, under the import permit # 1748-118, in compliance with part IV of the Seed Regulations Act, submitted by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency.

In accordance with this permit, the Canadian Seed Institute regularly audits Norseco for its Quality Assurance Manual and all company-related procedures.

Norseco imports seeds from different suppliers around the world. The seed lots must meet the specifications in accordance with the Canadian Seed Act and regulations regarding purity and germination. The seeds are delivered to Norseco in hermetically sealed containers, protected from any outside contamination.

The Norseco laboratory is officially recognized by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency. Norseco employs a certified analyst detaining a licence in accordance with article 13.1 of the Seed act, also submitted by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency.

A sample of each imported seed lot is tested for its purity and germination. The seed lots are released for sale in Canada only if they meet the minimum purity and germination standards. To every seed lot received Norseco assigns a new Norseco seed lot number in order to assure traceability of the lot up to the customer.

The seeds are stored on metal shelves in a clean warehouse with controlled temperature and humidity, and also an air pressure differential between the different sections of the building for dust and air movement control.

The packaging of the seed in smaller containers is done in a specific room, where the necessary packaging equipment can be found, such as envelopes, bags, boxes, label printer, measuring shovels and spoons, scales and sealing machine. A dust collector captures the dust from seed packaging and manipulation. Since the seed is manipulated as a dry matter, the tools remain free of all physical, microbiological or chemical contaminants.



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