

199.11 Authority of the department.

1. For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this chapter, the department shall do all of the following:

a. Sample, inspect, analyze, and test agricultural seed, if the agricultural seed is transported, sold, offered, or exposed for sale within this state for sowing. The department shall perform these duties at a time and place and to an extent necessary to determine whether the agricultural seed is in compliance with this chapter. The department shall promptly notify the person who transported, sold, offered, or exposed the seed for sale, of a violation.

b. Adopt rules governing methods of sampling, inspecting, analyzing, testing, and examining agricultural seed. The rules shall include tolerances to be followed in the administration of this chapter, which shall be in general accord with officially prescribed practice in interstate commerce under the Federal Seed Act and other rules or regulations necessary for the efficient enforcement of this chapter.

2. For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this chapter, the department may:

a. Enter upon public or private premises during regular business hours in order to have access to commercial seed, subject to this chapter and departmental rules.

b. Issue and enforce a written or printed “*stop sale*” order to the owner or custodian of any lot of agricultural seed which the department believes is in violation of this chapter or departmental rules. The order shall prohibit further sale of the seed until the department has evidence of compliance. However, the owner or custodian of the seed shall be permitted to remove the seed from a salesroom open to the public. Judicial review of the order may be sought in accordance with chapter 17A. However, notwithstanding chapter 17A, petitions for judicial review may be filed in the district court. This subsection does not limit the right of the department to proceed as authorized by other sections of this chapter.

c. Establish and maintain or make provision for seed testing facilities essential to the enforcement of this chapter. The department may employ qualified persons, and incur expenses necessary to comply with these provisions.

d. Cooperate with the United States department of agriculture in seed law enforcement.

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92 Acts, ch 1239, §35; 93 Acts, ch 40, §1, 2