

**571—78.9(456A) Certificates of origin.**

**78.9(1) Shipments.** Every shipment of ginseng to a location outside the state of Iowa by a grower, harvester or dealer shall be accompanied by a certificate of origin, or shipping certificate, which certifies that the ginseng was lawfully harvested.

*a.* The department will issue a certificate of origin for cultivated ginseng to a grower or dealer upon application by the permit holder and based upon the completeness of the permit holder's application, which shall be on a form provided by the department, and the permit holder's compliance with the requirements of this chapter.

*b.* The department will issue a certificate of origin for wild ginseng to a harvester upon application by the permit holder and based upon the completeness of the permit holder's application, which shall be on a form provided by the department, and the permit holder's compliance with the requirements of this chapter.

*c.* The certificate of origin for wild ginseng will be issued by the department and its agents after the roots have been weighed and certified by the department or its agents at one of the locations designated by the department, upon appointment.

*d.* A grower, harvester, or dealer seeking a certificate of origin must have a valid grower's permit, harvester's permit, or dealer's permit, respectively, and must present the permit to receive a certificate of origin.

**78.9(2) Fees.** The department shall issue a certificate of origin free to any grower or dealer who lawfully possesses a valid grower's permit or dealer's permit, respectively, and for a fee of \$5 for each certificate to any harvester who lawfully possesses a valid harvester's permit.

**78.9(3) Compliance.** Certificates of origin shall be issued only to permit holders who have complied with the requirements of this chapter, including without limitation requirements regarding plant size for wild ginseng.

**78.9(4) Wild ginseng originating in another state.**

*a.* No person may ship out of this state to a foreign country wild ginseng that originates in another state or foreign country unless the wild ginseng is accompanied by a valid certificate of origin issued by that other state or foreign country. No person may ship out of this state wild ginseng that originates in another state under a certificate of origin issued pursuant to this chapter.

*b.* No resident may import for purposes of dealing wild ginseng that originates in another state unless the wild ginseng is accompanied by a valid certificate of origin from the other state. Original certificates of origin shall remain with the wild ginseng at all times.

*c.* If a resident dealer receives wild ginseng that originated in another state and if a certificate of origin issued by that state does not accompany the wild ginseng, the dealer shall return the wild ginseng to the sender within 30 days after its receipt.

*d.* A dealer shall maintain a copy of the certificate of origin with the record of transaction.

*e.* It shall be lawful for any person to have in possession any wild ginseng lawfully harvested or purchased outside Iowa and lawfully brought into the state so long as the person possesses a valid certificate of origin for the wild ginseng.

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