Determination of seed lot quality

Seed testing laboratory

checks the quality of the seed lots

Seed lot

seeds (seed material) of one species, collected at the same time within one certified unit (i.e. stand or seed orchard), separately treated and stored in the same way

Quality

a set of biological and technical properties of the seed lots

Quality of seed material

- > purity
- > weight of seeds in cones or fruits

Quality of seeds

- water content
- > purity
- > weight of 1000 seeds
- Germination capacity and germination energy
- viability
- > health

Determination of quality of seed material

When?

- before collection
- before storage
- during storage
- before sowing
- during sale

Who?

- Accredited Seed Testing Laboratory (Forestry and Game Management Research Institut - **Forest Research Station Kunovice** in Czech Republic)

- seed lot owner



ISTA (International seed testing asociation)

ČSN 48 1211

Forest seed management -Collection, quality and methods for testing forest tree seeds

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outo normou se nahra	zuje ČSN 48 1211 z října 1997.	
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Submitted sample

the amount of seeds determined by the norm, taken from one seed lot in the prescribed manner so that it represents its average quality

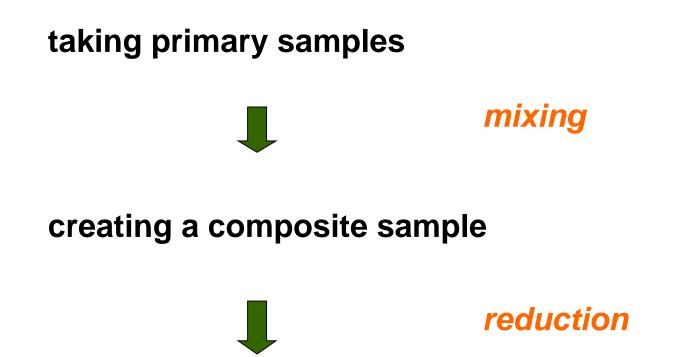
Samples taken by:

authorised sampling person ⇒ the report is valid for the entire seed lot

• **owner** \Rightarrow the report is valid for the sample submitted, not for the whole seed lot!

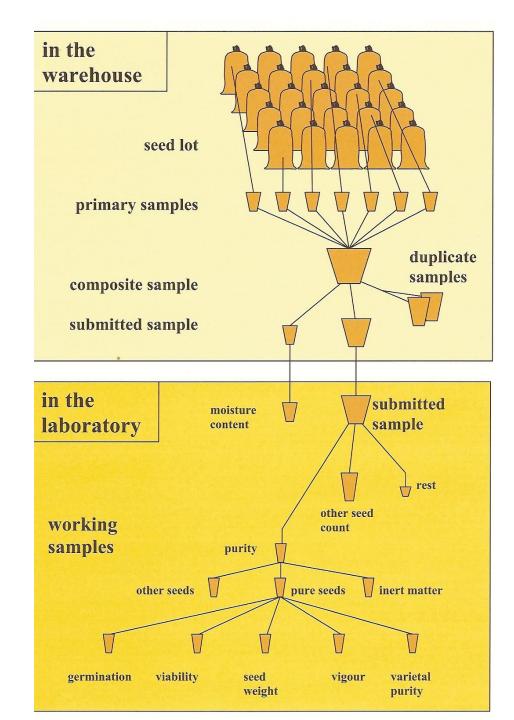
Correct sampling of submitted sample is of utmost importance for quality testing!

Procedure of taking an submitted sample



separation of the submitted sample

Taking samples (basic principle)



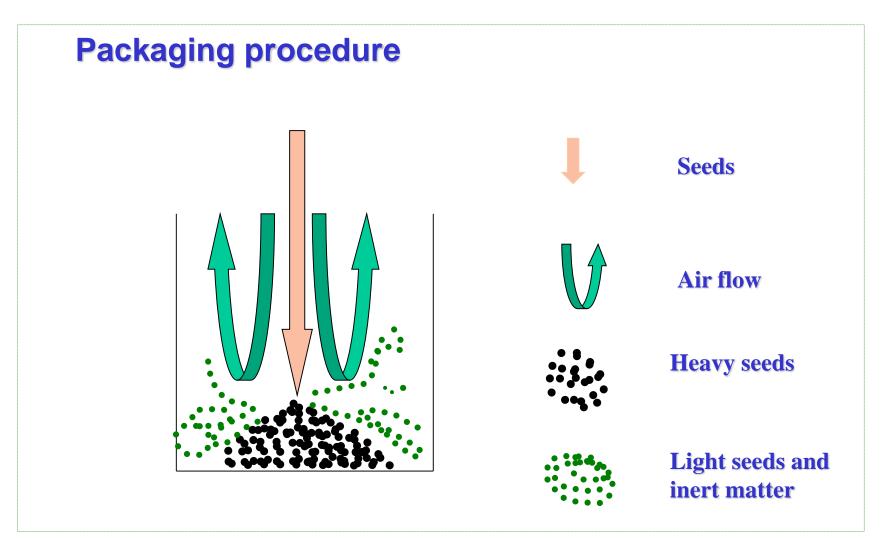
Taking primary samples

- acclimatization of the seed lot before taking samples (water condensate)
- do not open closed package immediately after taking it out of the freezer!



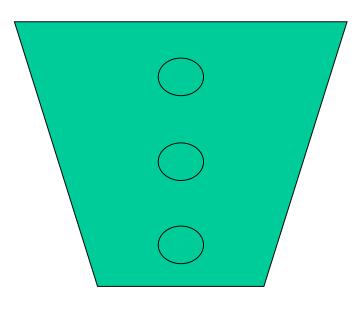


- before taking primary samples, stir thoroughly



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Manual sample of primary samples



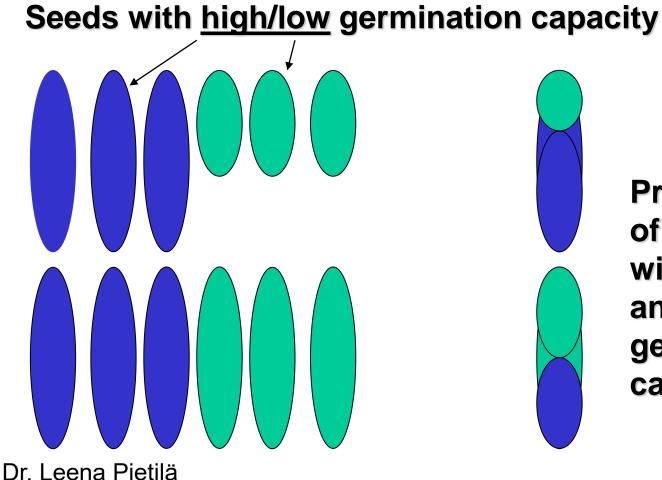






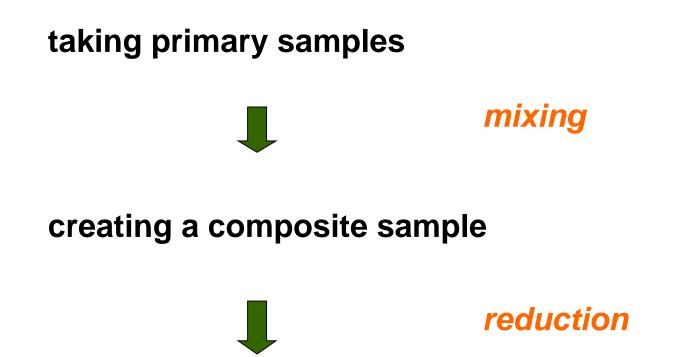


- primary samples must be the same size



Proportion of the seeds with high and low germination capacity

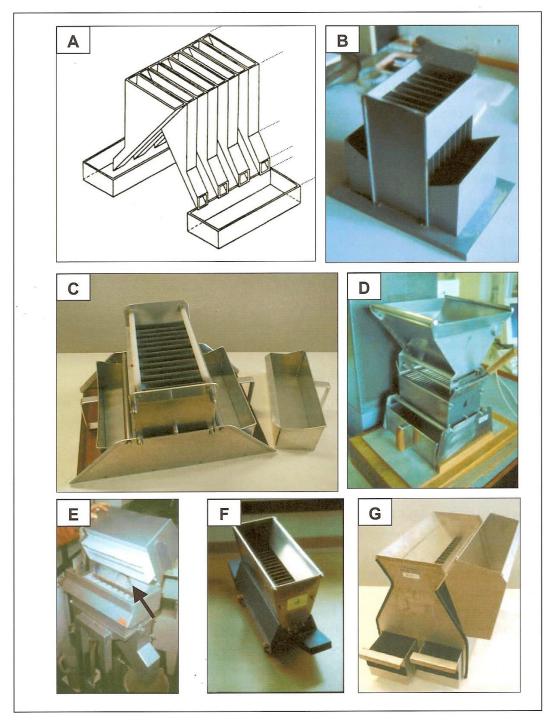
Procedure of taking an submitted sample



separation of the submitted sample

Preparation of the submitted sample from the composite sample

reduction by the separator





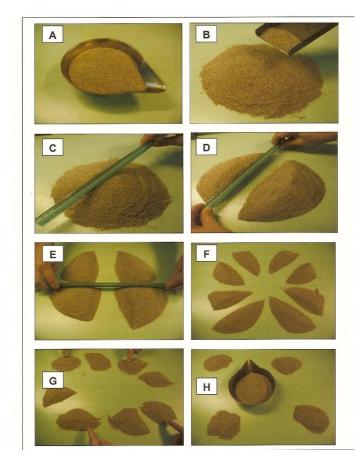
Reduction of the composite sample by manual separation

1. spread the sample onto the pad

2. divide into quarters, each quarter into halves \rightarrow 8 portions

3. combine every 2nd portion, remove the remaining portions

4. if the weight is too high, repeat the procedure



WEIGHT OF SUBMITTED SAMPLE (ČSN 48 1211)

SPECIES	SUBMITTED SAMPLE (g)	
Abies alba	240	
Larix decidua	35	
Picea abies, Pinus sylvestris	40	
Pseudotsuga menziesii	60	
Pinus nigra	100	
Acer pseudoplatanus	600	
Acer platanoides	700	
Alnus glutinosa	8	
Alnus incana, Alnus viridis	4	
<i>Betula</i> sp.	10	
Carpinus betulus	500	
Fagus sylvatica	1000	
<i>Tillia</i> sp.	180	
Ulmus sp.	50	
<i>Quercus</i> sp.	500 ks	

Transport of samples

- in a wrapper or container impossible to open unless you damage the wrapper or its closure.





Water content (humidity)

the proportion of the weight of the water in the **working sample** of the seeds, expressed in % of the original weight of the **working sample**

Has influence on:

- viability of the seeds (mainly the recalcitrant ones)
- successful storage and stratification

Samples for determination of the water content must be hermetically closed

Procedure:

Weight 2 working samples directly from the submitted sample (big seeds need to be cut or ground)



- dry at 103±2°C in a dryer (17 hours) or special devices





- measure the weight
- calculate the water content (%)
- the deviation between the samples must not exceed 0.3–2.5 % (see the table); if the difference is bigger \Rightarrow repeat the procedure

Permissible difference in water content of two working samples

Seed size	Number of seeds in kg (pieces)	Content of water (%)	Permissible difference between 2 working samples (%)
Small	More than 5 000	Less than 12	0.3
Small	More than 5 000	More than 12	0.5
Big	Less than 5 000	Less than 12	0.4
Big	Less than 5 000	12 to 25	0.8
Big	Less than 5 000	More than 25	2.5

Purity

- the weight of pure seeds expressed in % of the weight working sample of the seeds

Has influence on:

- number of seeds in 1 kg
- sowing dose
- price of the seeds

Procedure

- separate the working sample (manual reduction) and measure its weight

Weight of working samples for purity determination (ČSN 48 1211)

SPECIES	WORKING SAMPLE (g)	
Abies alba	120	
Larix decidua	17	
Picea abies, Pinus sylvestris	20	
Pseudotsuga menziesii	30	
Pinus nigra	50	
Acer pseudoplatanus	300	
Acer platanoides	350	
Alnus glutinosa	4	
Alnus incana, Alnus viridis	2	
<i>Betula</i> sp.	1	
Carpinus betulus	250	
Fagus sylvatica	600	
<i>Tillia</i> sp.	90	
Ulmus sp.	24	
Quercus sp.	500 pcs	

- divide into fractions:



- weight the fractions

- check: the sum of the weights of the fractions must not differ from the weight of the working sample by more than 5 %

- express the purity in %
- calculate the % proportion of the fractions (based on the summarised weight)

Weight of 1000 seeds

Weight of 1000 seeds shown in grams

Has influence on:

- number of seeds in 1 kg
- sowing dose
 - Procedure
 - 8 x 100 seeds from the fraction "pure seeds" (random selection)
 - measure the weight





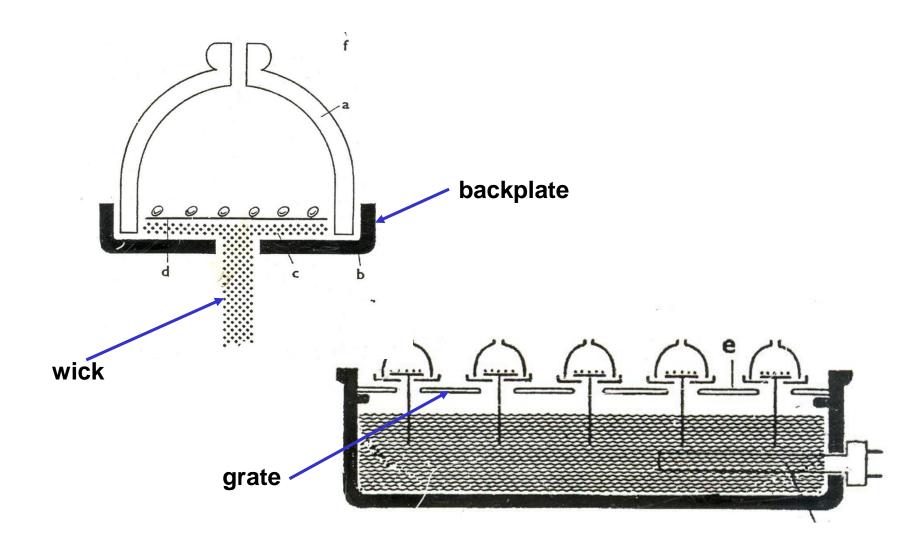
- calculate the average value and the variation coefficient Vk
- check: Vk < 4 %,
- Ø x 10 = weight of 1000 seeds in grams

Germination capacity

Provides information how many seeds will probably germinate and develop in a normal seedling

- Has influence on:
 - sowing dose
- price of the seed lot
- test on germinators (spruce, pine, larch, birch, alder..)
 - conditions: "sterility"

16-hour dark (20°C) and 8-hour light (30°C)



Jacobsen's germination apparatus



germinators





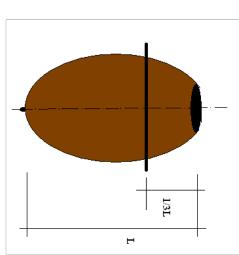


Germination test in vegetation vessels (Quercus, Juglans..)

- vessels from plastic, wood, metal etc.
- sand layer of min. 8 cm

- peel the seeds and cut 1/3 of them, from the end with the scar

- put them in the vessel and cover them with sand (arrange for ventilation)
- conditions: chemically inert sand temperature 20°C a dark place humidity









Germination test of beechnuts with substrate

- temperature 3-5°C

Substrate: mixture of peat and sand (1:1)

1 portion of beechnuts and 3 portions of substrate







Procedure, germination test

- spread 4x100 seeds onto germinators (4x50 to veg. vessels)

- test duration according to ČSN 48 1211

The duration and the setting of the germination test (ČSN 48 1211)

Species	First count (germination energy) (days)	Last count (germination capacity) (days)	Setting	Note
Abies alba	7	28	Germinator	after 21-day stratification (3-5°C)
Larix decidua	7	21	Germinator	-
Picea abies	7	21	Germinator	-
Pinus sylvestris	7	21	Germinator	-
Pinus mugo	7	21	Germinator	-
Pinus nigra	7	21	Germinator	-
Pseudotsuga menziesii	7	21	Germinator	simultaneously with and without stratification at 3-5 °C

The duration and the setting of the germination test (ČSN 48 1211)

Species	First count (germination energy) (days)	Last count (germination capacity) (days)	Setting	Note
Alnus	7	21	Germinator	-
Betula	7	21	Germinator	-
Platanus	7	21	Germinator	-
Salix	7	14	Germinator	-
Ulmus	7	14	Germinator	-
Populus	3	10	Germinator	-
Robinia pseudoacacia	7	14	Germinator	disturb the seed coat, soak for 48 h.
Quercus	7	28	Vegetation vessels	soak for 48 h.
Castanea sativa	7	21	Vegetation vessels	soak for 48 h.

- remove and make records on germinated seeds

first count (usually on Day 7) last count (usually on Day 21)

sort the germinated seeds into:

a) normal- sprout = 4x length of seed



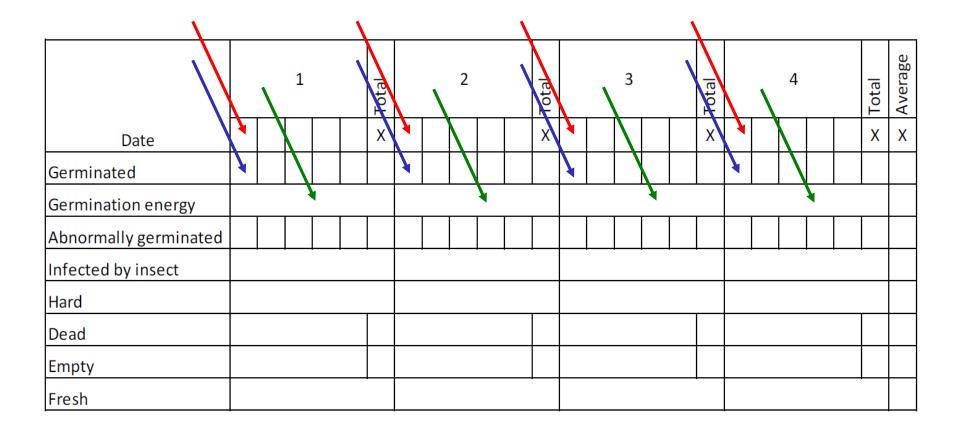






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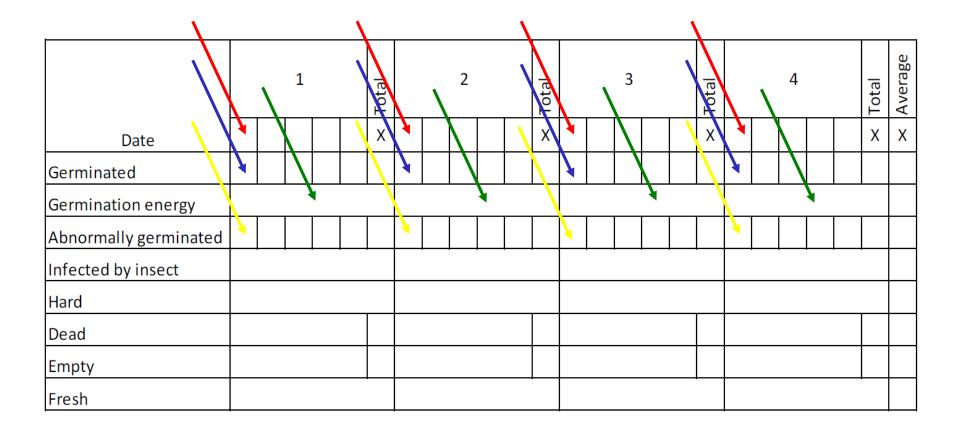


b) abnormal

- damaged root, hypocotyl
- the sprout does not penetrate the micropyle
- the seed germinates by cotyledon







- during the germination test, the following is determined:

Germination energy (GE) – the number of normally germinated seeds identified during the <u>first</u> count, expressed in % of the number of the germinated seeds

Germination capacity (GC) – the same during the last count

- at the end of the test, cut away the seeds not germinated (fresh, dead, empty)

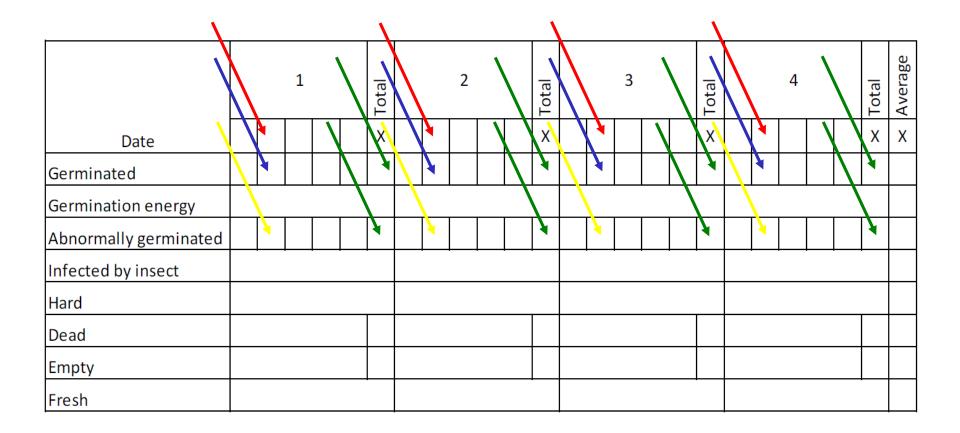


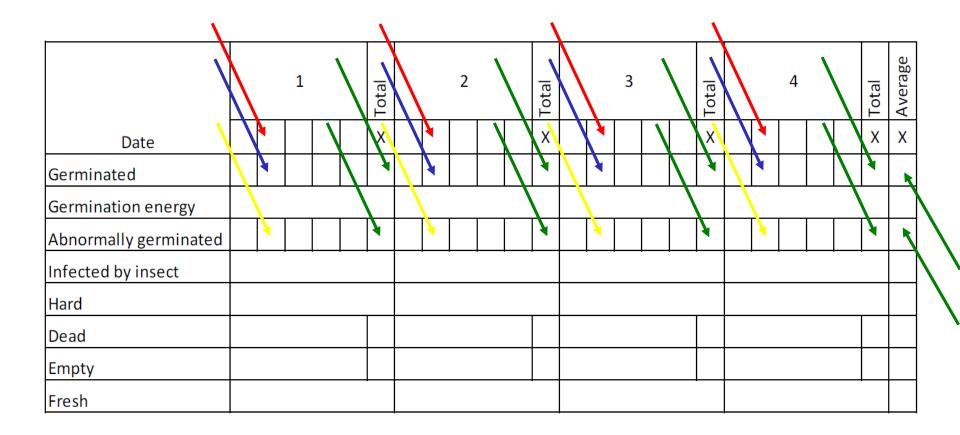
- GE and GC calculated as average from 4 repetitions
- check: see the table showing permissible deviations

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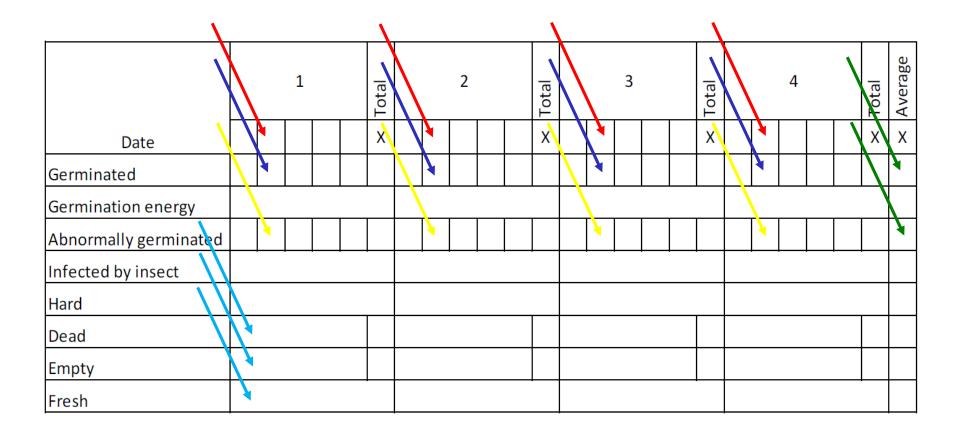
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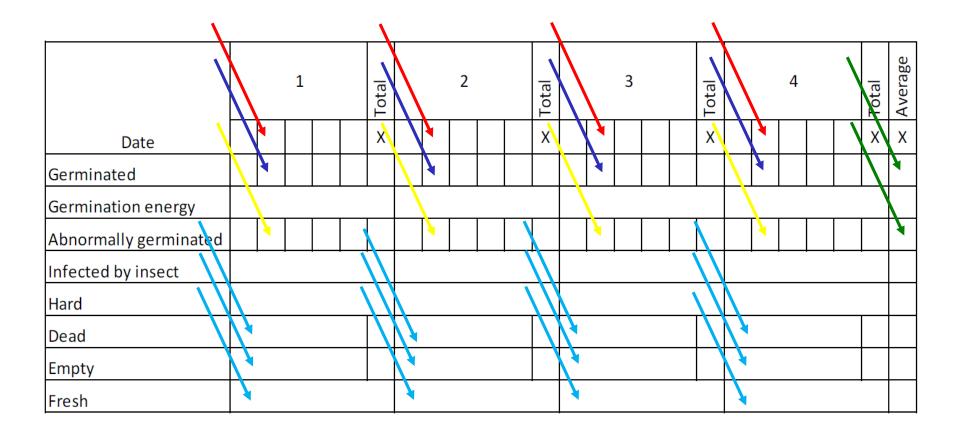
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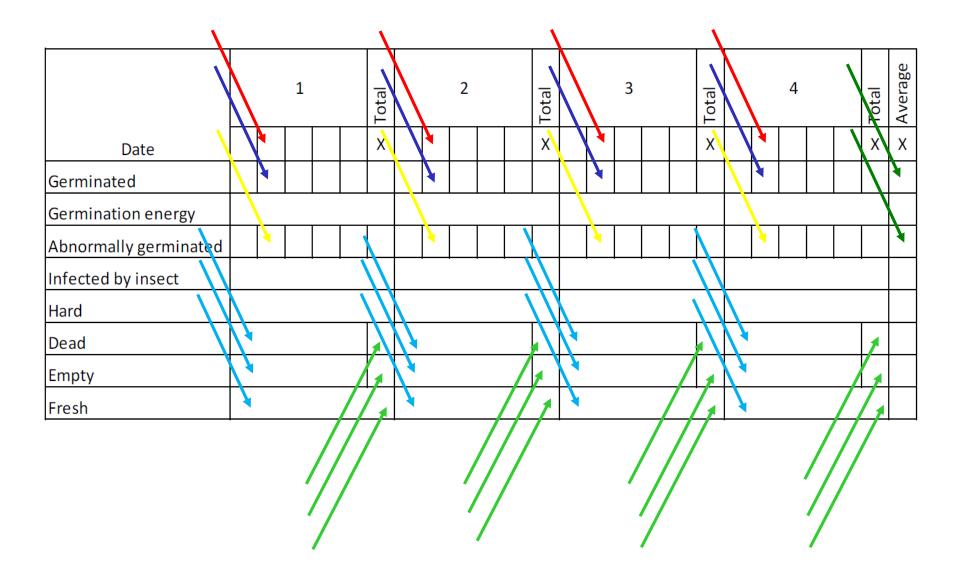


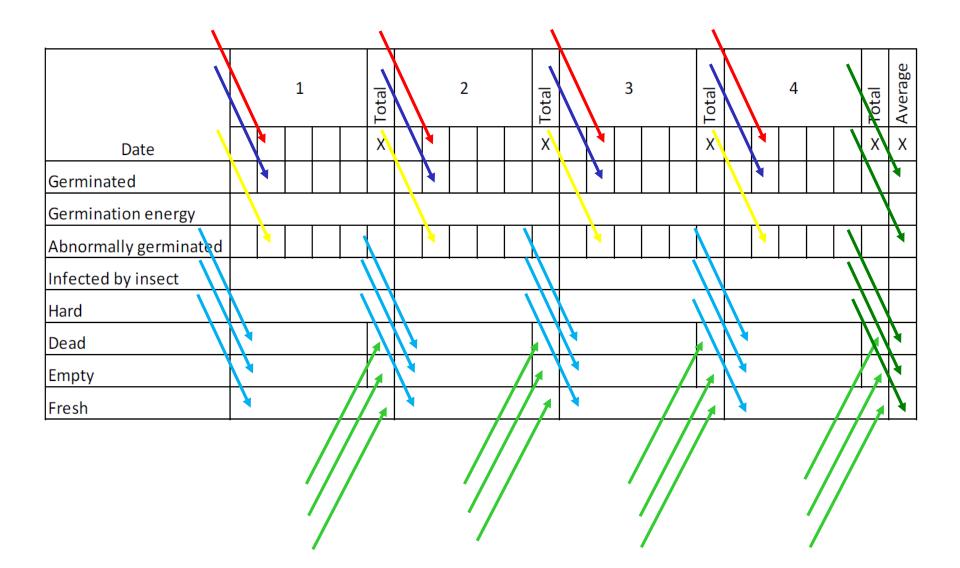


	RMINATION CAPACIT OF 4 HUNDRED SEED (%)	
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96	5	8
95	6	9
93 to 94	7 to 8	10
91 to 92	9 to 10	11
89 to 90	11 to 12	12
87 to 88	13 to 14	13
84 to 86	15 to 17	14
81 to 83	18 to 20	15
78 to 80	21 to 23	16
73 to 77	24 to 28	17
67 to 72	29 to 34	18
56 to 66	35 to 45	19
51 to 55	46 to 50	20











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Protocol No.

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ŧ		Customer information	
	Wood species	Seed fraction	
	Customer	Receipt From and/or number of the Certificate of Origin	Year of the seed material maturing
		Certificate of origin and/or number of unit	Type of seed material
	Owner of seed material	Order number	Weight of seed unit kg
	Registration number of a certified unit		

Quality test report

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SOP 4 (Standard ČSN 48	1211 - 4.4.3}		SOP 6 (Standard ČSN 48 1211 - 4.4.5)	
Species (genus) of pur	e seeds determined in the puri	ty		
test			Germination capacity	%
			Germination energy	%
Purity (pure seeds)		%	Abnormally germinated seeds	%
Seed of other species		%	Dead seeds	%
Admixture		%	Fresh seeds	%
			Hard seeds	96
SOP 5 (Standard ČSN 48	1211 - 4.4.4}		Seeds infected by insect	96
Weight of 1000 seeds		g	Empty seeds	%
SOP 3 (Standard ČSN48 1	211 - 4.4.2)			
Water contend		%	Percentage of full seeds	96
			Germination energy of full seeds	%
Notes			Germination capacity of full seeds	%
			Number of pure germinated seeds in 1 kg	pcs
Samples were take	en in accordance with the stand	lard ČSM	48 1211 and the test results are valid for the whole	e seed unit.
Price	CZK			

In Kunovice

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Percentage of full seeds

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$$GE_{PL} = \frac{GE \cdot 100}{100 - p}$$

GE_{PL}.....germination energy of full seeds (%)
GEgermination energy of pure seeds (%)
pnumber of empty seeds (%)

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Germination capacity of full seeds (*GC*_{*PL*}**)** – the number of normally germinated seeds identified during the <u>last count</u>, expressed in % of the number of the germinated full seeds

$$GC_{PL} = \frac{GC \cdot 100}{100 - p}$$

 GC_{PL} germination capacity of full seeds GC..... germination capacity of pure seeds p..... number of empty seeds (%)

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Number of pure germinated seeds in kg

$$P_{ks} = \frac{\check{C} \cdot GE}{AW} \cdot 100$$

 P_{ks} number of germinated seeds in 1 kg (pcs) Č purity (%)

GC germination capacity (%)

AW absolut weight = weight of 1000 seeds (g)

Quality test report

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Evidenční číslo uznané jednotky		
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Výsledky zkoušek kvality

Datum odběru vzorku 02.11.2006	Datum doručení vzorku 13.11.2006	Datum zahájení zkoušky klíčivosti 19.12.2006	Datum ukončení zkoušek 16.01.2007
SOP 4 (ČSN 48 1211-čl.4.4.3)		SOP 6 (ČSN 48 1211-čl.	.4.4.5)
Druh (rod) čistých semen	určený při zkoušce čistoty	Klíčivost	65 ⁹
Dub		Energie klíčení	0 %
Čistota (čistá semena)	99,5 %	Abnormálně vyklíče	ená semena 1 % 25 %
Semena jiných druhů	0,0 %	Mrtvá semena	25 /
Nečistota	0,5 %	Svěží semena	0 %
		Tvrdá semena	
SOP 5 (ČSN 48 1211-čl.4.4.4)		Semena napadená Prázdná semena	0 %
Absolutní hmotnost	3339,712 g	Prazona semena	
SOP 3 (ČSN 48 1211-čl.4.4.2)			
Obsah vody	23,5 %	Podíl plných semen	100 %
Poznámky		Energie klíčení plných semer	
Předběžný protokol - konečný protokol bude		Klíčivost plných semen	65 %
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Sample by authorised person



Validity for the whole seed lot

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Validity of testing result

12 months	Picea abies, Pinus nigra, Larix decidua, Pseudotsuga menziesii, Abies alba (frozen), Carpinus betulus, Fraxinus excelsior, Robinia pseudoaccacia, Tilia, Alnus, Betula,
	Sorbus, Acer (not pseudoplatanus), Crataegus, Ailanthus, Laburnum, Sophora, Caragana

6 months	Abies alba (fresh seeds), Acer pseudoplatanus, Aesculus hippocastanum,	
	Castanea sativa, Fagus sylvatica (fresh seeds), Quercus, Carylus avellana, Morus	

3 months	Acer saccharinum

1 month Ulmus, Prunus avium, Salix

Calculation of the price of the seed lot

the pricelist shows basic prices
 (i.e. purity 100 % and germination capacity 100 %)

Latin name	Price Kč/1kg without VAT
Picea abies	4.808,-
Picea abies	3.700,-
Abies alba	2.173,-
Abies alba	2.479,-
Abies grandis	5.665,-
Pseudotsuga menziesii	23.745,-
Pinus sylvestris	11.584,-
Pinus nigra	3.582,-
Pinus strobus	5.209,-
Pinus mugo	5.583,-
Larix decidua	12.800,-
Taxus baccata	1.732,-

Quercus robur	42,-
Quercus petraea	47,-
Quercus rubra	32,-
Fagus sylvatica	570,-
Fagus sylvatica	720,-
Carpinus betulus	608,-
Acer platanoides	580,-
Acer pseudoplatanus	630,-
Acer campestre	605,-
Fraxinus excelsior	470,-
Robinia pseudoacacia	765,-
Betula verrucosa	5.800,-
Sorbus aucuparia	2.627,-
Sorbus aria	4.635,-

Pyrus pyraster	2.318,-
Malus sylvestris	2.318,-
Tilia cordata	1.350,-
Tilia plathyphyllos	970,-
Tilia tomentosa	970,-
Alnus glutinosa	3.154,-
Alnus incana	3.500,-
Alnus viridis	2.060,-
Aesculus hippocastanum	21,-

- calculation of actual price using coefficients

purity coefficient = actual purity in % : 100 germination capacity coefficient = actual germination capacity in % : 100

actual price = basic price x purity coefficient x germination capacity coefficient

Example: Norway spruce, purity 96 %, germination capacity 89 %, basic price per 1 kg = CZK 4808,-0.96 x 0.89 x 4 808 = CZK 4108,-/kg