

Land Requirements:

A field, to be eligible for the production of foundation, registered and/or certified chickpeas, shall not have been planted to chickpeas for one (1) year unless the previous crop was under certification and of the same variety and class of certified seed.

Isolation Requirements:

Field(s) producing Foundation, Registered, and Certified must have the minimum isolation distances from fields of any other variety or fields of the same variety that do not meet the varietal purity requirements for certification as given in the following table:

<u>Classes</u>	<u>Minimum Distance</u>
Foundation	25 feet
Registered	10 feet
Certified	10 feet
Same Variety Different Class	3 feet

Field Inspection.

Each field intended for certification must be inspected prior to harvest. Foundation and registered class seed must have two (2) inspections. One at bloom stage and one during the late pod stage. Certified class must have at least one (1) inspection during the bloom stage, plus one at pod stage if *Ascochyta* Blight is observed during bloom inspection. If *Ascochyta* blight pod lesion is found the field will be rejected.

Field Standards:

Factor	Maximum permitted in each class		
	Foundation	Registered	Certified
Other Varieties	None	5 plants/acre	5 plants/acre
Other Crops (Inseparable)	None	None	None
<i>Ascochyta Rabiei</i> – Blight ^{1,3}	No pod lesion	No pod lesion	No pod lesion
Noxious Weeds ²	None	None	None

None tolerance means none found during normal inspection procedures.

¹ For all classes of certified seed, an EPA approved product for control of *Ascochyta rabiei* shall be applied according to label during the growth cycle, *when infection is found*, and followed by additional applications if necessary.

²Noxious weeds: See Prohibited Noxious Seed List.

³Organic seed production: *Ascochyta rabiei* none found.

Seed Standards:

Factor	Standards for each class		
	Foundation White Tag	Registered Purple Tag	Certified Blue Tag
Pure Seed (Min.)	99%	99%	99%
Other Crops (Max.) ^{* 1}	None	None	2/lb
Inert Matter (Max.) [*]	1%	1%	1%
Weed Seed (Objectionable) ²	None	None	2/lb
<i>Ascochyta Rabiei</i> - Blight ³	None	None	None
Noxious Weeds ²	None	None	None
Germination (Min.)	85%	85%	85%

^{*}The total of inert matter and other crops in combination shall not exceed 2%. None tolerance means none found during normal inspection procedures.

¹ No Austrian pea, rye, or vetch permitted.

² Nightshade berries/seed, or noxious weeds are not allowed.

³ Seedstock of all classes of seed, except organic seed, shall be treated with a chemical specifically approved by the EPA at the labeled rate for control of *Ascochyta* Blight. Organic seed shall be laboratory tested for the presence of *Ascochyta rabiei*.