

## ***Customers Needing OECD Tags***

**OECD is a tag not a test**, and depending on country of destination, either AOSA or AOSA/EC tests, but not both, are needed for OECD tagging. This is why simply indicating OECD on the sample certificate does not tell the lab what test to perform.

### ***To avoid delays or confusion, the following may help you:***

- Please refer to section VII, Seed Testing for OECD Tags of “Guide for Certification Samplers and Taggers”.
- Check with your contractor before submitting the sample to clarify whether AOSA or AOSA/EC should be used. Choosing the correct option will eliminate unnecessary delays, corrections, etc.
- To help our customers, starting September 1, 2005, if the instruction simply indicates OECD and does not indicate AOSA/EC or AOSA, the laboratory will proceed to use the AOSA/EC rules. This option would help in most cases and expedite testing. If a customer finds out later that an AOSA test is needed, the report can be revised for an additional revision fee.

If you want to provide feedback on these ideas, please call Linda at the Seed Lab: (541) 737-4464