Appendix I

Professional Code of Ethics

The reliance of society and the industry on the information reported by Seeds Canada/CSI Auditors and Organic Inspectors imposes an obligation that these people maintain high standards of technical competence and integrity.

Therefore, each Recognized Auditor / Organic Inspector is asked to read, understand, and apply the following code of ethics:

- 1. Auditors and inspectors as industry professionals shall exercise honesty, objectivity, and diligence in the performance of all duties and responsibilities.
- 2. Auditors and inspectors shall not engage in any act or omission of a dishonest, deceitful, or fraudulent nature.
- 3. Auditors and inspectors shall continually seek to maintain and improve their professional knowledge, skills, and competence.
- 4. Auditors and inspectors shall not knowingly misrepresent facts and when expressing an opinion shall use all reasonable care to obtain sufficient facts to support all statements.
- 5. Auditors and inspectors shall avoid any activity which would prejudice their ability to carry out their professional duties and responsibilities objectively.
- 6. Auditors and inspectors shall not use confidential information gathered during the course of an audit or inspection for personal gain. Auditors and inspectors shall not disclose confidential information gained in the course of an audit or inspection.

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