



Carmagnola, 24/02/2021

Subject: Clarifications regarding the article published by HempToday on the 17/02/2021

We'd like to clarify some claims made on the piece published by <https://hemptoday.net> on the 17/02/2021.

We offer ourselves as a reliable source for these clarifications, as we can demonstrate at any given time, through documented and testimonial evidence, the statements we are making.

The Italian Varieties

Regarding the Italian varieties of Carmagnola, CS and Fibranova, we'd like to clarify that:

1. The removal was solely due to an inattention by the appointed institutional body; there were no further reasons behind it if not, unfortunately, human error.
2. The agronomical tests for the re-certification of these varieties in the national and EU catalogue are over. We all are now waiting for its publication on the on the Official Journal of the Italian Ministerial Order, which should happen in the next few weeks.

Germination Rates

Regarding the topic of germination, here are some further elucidations: under the legislation regarding sowing seeds, commercial grade hemp seeds that are destined to the EU market cannot have a tested and certified (by CREA) germination rate lower than 75%. For non-EU markets, it is possible to get the seeds certified even if the germination is lower: it is the company's policy and responsibility deciding whether to sell it and how to do it; in this case, the key element is a correct and transparent communication of related information to the customer, who is then aware of the specifications of the traded product.

The data this "European grower" has reported to HempToday relating to a drop in germination rates over the period of a year could be caused by a variety of debatable reasons: we have no way to know, nor any evidence, that the seed was actually stored or grown properly, but we can assure that the seed was tested and certified for a 75% germination rate at the time of sale.

Trusting in the fairness and transparency of HempToday, as the global reporter and informative source for the hemp industry, we're looking forward to seeing this clarification being published soon.

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