AN ACT to amend 94.41 (1) (a) of the statutes, relating to germination testing of seeds in hermetically sealed containers.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

94.41 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

94.41 (1) (a) Unless the test to determine the percentage of germination required under s. 94.39 shall have been completed within a 12-month period immediately prior to the date it is sold, offered or exposed or distributed for sale, as shown by records, exclusive of the calendar month in which the test was completed, except that seeds packaged in hermetically sealed containers may be sold, offered, exposed or distributed for sale under such conditions as the department may prescribe, for a period of 36 months following the month in which the seeds are tested. No seeds in hermetically sealed containers shall be sold, offered, exposed or distributed for sale beyond such 36-month period unless retested within the preceding 9-month period, exclusive of the calendar month in which the retest is completed. Seed, for which the germination test date has expired, shall be relabeled by a licensed labeler prior to its being sold, offered, exposed or distributed for sale.