Decision to Pennington; feds pay up

BY MARK LESLIE

MADISON, Ga. — A struggle that dragged on for six years has come to a close, with the U.S. Treasury reimbursing Pennington Enterprises, Inc. $250,000 for losses stemming from a government blunder.

"Vindication was uppermost in my mind. We were not at fault," said the seed company's president, Brooks (Sonny) Pennington. "The real sad part is that we taxpayers paid all those government lawyers for six years and then had to pay $250,000 because of one man's mistake."

The snafu Pennington referred to involved U.S. Department of Agriculture inspectors allowing 2 million pounds of weed-infected Argentine tall fescue grass seed into the country on Nov. 17, 1988. Unknown to Pennington and six other American companies, the shipment contained a noxious weed, serrated tussock. By the time the USDA demanded the packaging prices continue to rise

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If you have purchased multiwall bags or polyethylene film recently, you have noticed some dramatic price increases. And, it's not over yet, according to sources in the packaging business.

Harley Sasse of Greif Bros. in Rosemount, Minn., reports that major paper manufacturers have announced another price increase of $50/ton. Sasse noted that seed bag prices have already increased 20 percent over last year.

Given the current high demand for paper, including liner-board shipping and office space. As you can see, the exterior design will incorporate the worldwide Barenbrug colors and logo. Completion of the entire project however, continue to conduct Golf Asia's education sessions, said GCSAA Chief Executive Officer Steve Mona, who added that his organization broke even financially on Golf Asia '95, held March 23-26.

"We won't sell space at all next year," Mona explained. "It's really pretty simple: We're going to concentrate on some specific mandates. We want to apply ourselves to those goals. Our involvement on the exhibit side of an international show doesn't meet that mandate."

"There are no hard feelings between us and IMG. We've been discussing this for some time. We will have our own booth there [Golf Asia '96]. We will be present, run the education sessions and man the booth. We're going to concentrate on pro..."