

# Program Notice

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## SPECIAL STATEMENT FOR PEAS

### 1. PURPOSE

This program notice establishes a special statement to assist the Farm Service Agency (FSA) in calculating qualifying loan deficiency payments for thresher-run dry peas.

### 2. BACKGROUND

Under FSA rules, only peas which meet the definition of a dry pea under the U.S. Standards for Dry Peas, are eligible for the Marketing Assistance Loan and Loan Deficiency Payment (LDP) program for dry peas. Loan deficiency payments are calculated according to the net weight of dry peas (whole, broken, or pieces) less any non-pea material that may be present. To assist in this calculation, GIPSA has agreed, upon request, to reclaim any readily identifiable and separable pea material present in the dockage and report the percentage of whole, broken, or pieces of peas in the remarks section of the certificate.

### 3. PROCEDURES

After mechanically removing and recording the percent of dockage present in the thresher-run pea sample, reclaim any small peas, split peas, and recognizable pea pieces that passed through the prescribed dockage sieve. A smaller sized sieve may be used as an aid in the reclaiming process to minimize any hand-adjustment that may be necessary. Non-pea material is the sum of "other material" and "foreign material," as defined in the Pea and Lentil Handbook, Chapter 3. Determine other material and foreign material according to applicable procedures, subtract the sum from 100, and round to the nearest whole percent for certification.

### 4. SPECIAL STATEMENT

Effective immediately and upon request, show the following special statement in the "Remarks" section of the certificate when providing information for the LDP program. "Sample contains (%) of whole, broken, or pieces of peas."

### 5. QUESTIONS

Direct any questions concerning this policy to Vicki Lacefield, Policies and Procedures Branch at (202) 720-0397.

**6. FILING INSTRUCTIONS**

File a copy of this notice in the Pea and Lentil Handbook until this handbook is updated to reflect this new procedure and statement.

*/s/ John Giler*

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