

Program Notice

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MILLING YIELD PROCEDURE - MEDIUM GRAIN ROUGH RICE AND MEDIUM GRAIN BROWN RICE FOR PROCESSING

1. PURPOSE

This program notice announces that the Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) is implementing a change in the rice milling yield procedure for Medium Grain Rough rice (MGRUF) and Medium Grain Brown Rice for Processing (MGBR) that is officially inspected in California. GIPSA provides rice milling yield determinations under the authority of the Agriculture Marketing Act of 1946 (AMA).

2. BACKGROUND

Currently, GIPSA maintains two milling yield procedures for MGRUF and MGBR. The Western rice production method, used only in California, requires a 10-pound weight applied during the milling cycle and a 2-pound weight during the brushing cycle. The Southern U.S. production region method, used in all rice-producing States except California, requires the use of a 7-pound weight for the milling cycle and no weight for the brushing cycle.

At the request of California Warehouse Association and California Rice Commission, GIPSA will change the weights used for the western production Medium Grain rice to match the weights used for southern production Medium Grain rice. This change will make California's MGRUF and MGBR milling yield procedures consistent with those used in other regions across the U.S.

3. PROCEDURES

Effective September 1, 2007, GIPSA will implement the standard milling yield procedure for western production MGRUF and MGBR inspected in California with the use of 7 pound milling weights applied during the milling cycle and 0 pounds during the brushing cycle.

Table 3 in Chapter 3, Section 3.22, "Milling Yield", and Table 3 in Chapter 4, Section 4.20, "Milling Yield", of the Rice Inspection Handbook, will be updated (as noted below) to reflect the revised milling yield cycles for Medium Grain rice.

Table 3 – Prescribed Weight

<u>Type of Rice</u>	<u>Milling Cycle</u>	<u>Brushing Cycle</u>
Long Grain	2 pounds	0 pounds
Medium Grain	7 pounds	0 pounds
Short Grain (Southern)	12 pounds	0 pounds
Short Grain (Western)	10 pounds	2 pounds

4. SUPPLEMENTAL TESTING

For a one year period commencing September 1, 2007 and ending August 31, 2008, GIPSA will offer supplemental milling yield analysis on the basis of the 10 pound weight (milling cycle) and 2 pound weight (brushing cycle), in addition to the new standard method using the 7 pound weight. This service will be performed only upon request of the applicant for service.

The results of this supplementary test will be recorded on the sample ticket and certified in the “Remarks” section of the official certificate using the following statement.

“Milling yield would have been (enter result of analysis with 10 lb. weight) based on the procedures in place for determining milling yield prior to September 1, 2007.”

Note: Additional inspection fees may be applied for supplemental testing services.

5. FILING INSTRUCTIONS

File a copy of this program notice with the applicable sections in Chapters 3 and 4 of the Rice Inspection Handbook. The handbook will be revised at a later date to include the revised procedure.

6. QUESTIONS

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