

GIPSA Amends Official U.S. Standards for Rye

WASHINGTON, DC (April 23, 1998) -- The USDA Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration is revising the United States Standards for Rye to certificate dockage to the nearest tenth of a percent. The current method of dockage certification rounds the actual dockage percentage down to the nearest whole percent.

Dockage consists primarily of dust, chaff, small weed seeds, very small pieces of broken rye, and coarse grains larger than rye.

According to GIPSA Administrator Jim R. Baker, the certification of dockage to the nearest tenth of a percent will result in more accurate statements of dockage content in rye on official inspection certificates and promote greater pricing efficiency in the marketplace.

GIPSA also will establish new inspection tolerances, or breakpoints, as appropriate, for its statistically-based inspection plan.

The revisions, which were published in today's Federal Register, will become effective on June 1, 1999.

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