

GIPSA Customers to Specify Reinspection and appeal Factors

Washington, DC (November 6, 2003) - The USDA Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration will allow customers of the official grain inspection system to specify the quality factor(s) to be redetermined during a reinspection or appeal inspection for grade. This option will become effective on November 28, 3003.

Currently, reinspections and appeal inspections for grade must include a complete review or examination of all official factors that may determine the grade, are reported on the original certificate, or are required to be shown. With this change, customers will be able to receive reinspection on the specific quality factors that are needed.

According to GIPSA administrator Donna Reifschneider, requiring that all quality factors be completely reexamined during a reinspection or appeal inspection is not efficient, is time consuming, and can be costly. She added that a detailed review of the preceding inspection service is not always needed to confirm the quality of the grain.

A final rule amending the regulations under the United States Grain Standards Act, as amended, to effect this change was published in today's *Federal Register*.

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