

GIPSA Announces ISO Guide 65 Training

WASHINGTON, September 12, 2006 - The USDA Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration will offer a training session for persons wishing to know more about International Organization for Standardization (ISO) Guide 65 - the general requirements for bodies operating product certification systems.

Any party interested in certifying a grain, feed, seed, or an associated agribusiness, including an organic certifying agency may participate in the training.

The training will cover ISO Guide 65 quality systems, as well as USDA's Process Verified Program and other verification programs offered by GIPSA and the Agricultural Marketing Service.

The 2-day training session will be held on Wednesday afternoon, October 4, 2006, and Thursday, October 5, 2006, at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Training Center, near the Kansas City airport, in Kansas City, Mo. Complete information will be provided upon registration. Space for the session is limited and participation is on a first-come, first-served basis.

There is no cost for this session; however, participants must provide their own copy of ISO Guide 65. Information about purchasing ISO Guide 65 will be provided prior to the session.

To participate in the training session, contact Beth Hayden at telephone 202-205-4007, or via email to Beth.E.Hayden@usda.gov.

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