

GIPSA Withdraws Notice Regarding Standardization Programs for Ethanol

Washington, DC (Oct. 21, 2008) - The USDA Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration today withdrew its advance notice of proposed rulemaking (ANPR) on the government's appropriate role in differentiating grain attributes for ethanol conversion, as well as standardizing the testing of co-products of ethanol production.

GIPSA published an ANPR seeking comments on these issues on July 20, 2007; the extended comment period closed December 4, 2007.

GIPSA received 29 comments from individuals and organizations across the marketing chain. Commenters overwhelmingly concurred that GIPSA should not play a role in standardizing the testing of ethanol inputs and outputs.

Accordingly, GIPSA will not initiate any rulemaking action at this time related to the matters presented in the ANPR.

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