

FOREWORD

This Handbook sets forth the policies and procedures regarding the installation, alignment, standardization, calibration, examination, and testing of equipment used in sampling and inspection activities. The procedures contained in this Handbook are applicable to all Federal Grain Inspection Service (FGIS) Headquarters units, FGIS field offices, sub-offices and agencies. (Procedures governing the operation of such equipment are established by Book II, "Grain Inspection Handbook," and the "Rice Inspection Handbook.") Moisture meters, near infrared analyzers, falling number apparatuses, aflatoxin equipment, etc., are covered by separate handbooks and instructions.

The Field Management Division (FM) and Technical Services Division (TSD) are responsible for the management and administration of the FGIS equipment program.

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