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TO: FGIS POLICY BULLETIN BOARD

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SUBJECT: Recording Letter of Credit Identification on Original and Divided-Lot Certificates

ORIGINATING OFFICE: Policies and Procedures Branch

1. PURPOSE

This memorandum transmits a policy decision for recording letter of credit identification, or similar identification (consignee, reference number, etc.) on the original lot inspection certificate (voided and superseded for divided lot certificates) and associated divided-lot certificates.

2. BACKGROUND

When shiplot grain is offered for inspection as a single lot and is certified as a single lot, the applicant may exchange the original certificate (master) for two or more divided-lot certificates, provided the original certificate is in the custody of field office. Preparing and voiding the original certificate in exchange for divided-lot certificates is done to comply with the regulations under the United States Grain Standards Act (USGSA).

Applicants for service are requesting that we show on each divided-lot certificate unique sets of information. Although this does not pose a problem with the individual divided-lot certificate, it can create a problem with the original master certificate because of its limited space for listing on it all sets of information for the divided-lot certificate.

3. POLICY

It is not necessary to list the individual sets of information on the original master certificate, when you have not formally issued it to the applicant, because you will void the original master certificate for a divided-lot certificate(s) and eventually list all the requested sets of information on each individual divided-lot certificate. However, you must still include all other required information (e.g., factor results, statements) on the original master certificate.

Field offices should ensure that each divided-lot certificate contains the correct information and that the certificate is issued in accordance with all other requirements, as specified, in section 800.163 of the regulations under the USGSA.

4. QUESTIONS

Direct any questions regarding this policy to Henry C. Greenwood, the Policies and Procedures Branch at (202) 720-0252 or email at henry.c.geenwood@usda.gov.