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TO: FGIS POLICY BULLETIN BOARD

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SUBJECT: Review Inspections Performed Under the CuSum Loading Plan

ORIGINATING OFFICE: Policies, Procedures, and Market Analysis Branch

### 1. PURPOSE

This memorandum clarifies the guidelines established in the Grain Inspection Handbook, Book III, Chapter 1, Inspection of Shiplots, Unit Trains and Lash Barges concerning Review Inspections of the Entire Lot.

### 2. BACKGROUND

The CuSum plan allows for one field review (reinspection or appeal inspection) to be performed on a material portion as part of the original lot. If the material portion is not eliminated by the field review, the applicant can request a board appeal as a final attempt to eliminate the material portion.

Applicants may also request a review inspection of the entire lot. The review inspection results replace the previous results and are placed on a new log noting the level of inspection. All sublots offered for inspections (loaded, returned or discharged) are included in the review. A reinspection, appeal and board appeal are permitted on a review inspection of the entire lot. Although all three levels of reviews are available, the review must start with the highest level of review performed in conjunction with the original inspection.

### 3. POLICY

The Applicant may request a reinspection, an appeal and a board appeal inspection of the entire lot. While these three levels of review inspection are available, the acceptable starting point for a review of the entire lot must take into consideration what types of reviews were performed on material portions during the original lot. If a reinspection was the only review performed during the original lot, the applicant would be entitled to a reinspection, an appeal and a board appeal of the entire lot. If an appeal inspection was the highest level of review inspection performed during the original lot, the applicant would be entitled to an appeal and a board appeal of the entire lot.

If a board appeal was the highest level of review inspection performed during the original lot, the applicant must request a board appeal of the entire lot. However, since a board appeal inspection must supersede a lower level of inspection official personnel must perform a reinspection and/or an appeal (as applicable) of the entire lot prior to the board appeal of the entire lot.

Since the reinspection/appeal of the entire lot is basically a formality, official personnel should consider performing an analysis on a single factor (e.g., moisture, test weight) before proceeding with the board appeal because the Board Appeal results of the entire lot will supersede the previous results. Official personnel may consult with the shipper on the factor(s) selected for reinspection/appeal analysis.

The Inspection Testing and Weighing (ITW) CuSum section is tightly integrated to accommodate this policy.

#### **4. FILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Retain a copy of this memo with the Grain Inspection Handbook, Book III, until the handbook is revised.

#### **5. QUESTIONS**

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