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**TO:** FGIS POLICY BULLETIN BOARD

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**SUBJECT:** Additional Qualified Laboratories

**ORIGINATING OFFICE:** Policies, Procedures, and Market Analysis Branch

## 1. BACKGROUND

Regulations under the United States Grain Standards Act (USGSA), §802.1, Qualified Laboratories, provide for the approval of metrology laboratories to calibrate weights used under the jurisdiction of GIPSA.

The weights are primarily Class F weights at field offices and weights owned by grain handling facilities. These weights must be tested every three years by a state metrology laboratory, the GIPSA Master Scale Depot, or the GIPSA field Test Weight Re-verification Program.

Heusser Neweigh, LLC maintains a commercial industrial laboratory involved in the business of calibrating and sealing test weights (standards). They have met the requirements for GIPSA approval under §802.1, and have requested approval.

## 2. POLICY

Heusser Neweigh, 1400 Willow Pass Court, Concord, California, is approved to perform tolerance testing and calibration of weights used within GIPSA's grain program.

Reports of Test from Heusser Neweigh, LLC for new or older weights shall be acceptable as verification that the weights meet Class F tolerances and specifications.

The laboratory shall remain approved at GIPSA's discretion, provided it maintains its site in a manner prescribed by GIPSA, maintains the approval of the State of California, Department of Food and Agriculture, Division of Measurement Standards, and maintains accreditation under an International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation, Mutual Recognition Agreement signatory body.

### 3. **QUESTIONS**

Direct any questions concerning this policy to Patrick McCluskey, Policies, Procedures, and Market Analysis Branch, (PPMAB) at 816-659-8403, or email at [patrick.j.mccluskey@usda.gov](mailto:patrick.j.mccluskey@usda.gov), or Bill Bates, PPMAB, at 202-690-0961 or email at [William.E.Bates@usda.gov](mailto:William.E.Bates@usda.gov).