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TO: FGIS POLICY BULLETIN BOARD

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SUBJECT: Additional Qualified Laboratories

ORIGINATING OFFICE: Policies and Procedures 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.

Premier Scales and Systems maintain 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

Premier Scales and Systems, 4901 North St. Joseph Avenue, Evansville, Indiana, 47720, is approved to perform tolerance testing and calibration of 25, and 50 pound weights used within GIPSA's grain program. Additionally Premier Scales and Systems is approved as a certified metrology laboratory for 25, 50, 250, 500, 1,000 pound test weights used for testing scales under GIPSA's jurisdiction in the Commonwealth of Kentucky and any other State that has formally accepted Premier Scales and Systems accreditation.

Reports of Test from Premier Scales and Systems 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 Commonwealth of Kentucky Weights and Measures Division, and maintains accreditation under an International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation, Mutual Recognition Agreement signatory body.

Please direct any questions to Bill Bates, Policies and Procedures Branch at 202-690-0961.