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TO: FGIS POLICY BULLETIN BOARD

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SUBJECT: Fumigation Information for Processed Commodity Phytosanitary Inspections

ORIGINATING OFFICE: Policies, Procedures, and Market Analysis Branch

1. PURPOSE

This memorandum establishes instructions on documenting fumigation information for processed commodities on the 921-2, Insects in Grain Report.

2. BACKGROUND

In 1981, because of the similarities in phytosanitary inspection responsibilities, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA), Federal Grain Inspection Service (FGIS), and Animal and Plant Health (APHIS), Plant Protection and Quarantine (PPQ), established a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Under this MOU, FGIS assisted interested parties in obtaining phytosanitary inspection services on grain and processed grain products at export locations in the United States and Canada by performing phytosanitary inspections for APHIS/PPQ on samples drawn by FGIS inspection personnel. APHIS/PPQ issues a phytosanitary certificate based on FGIS inspection results as recorded on form FGIS 921-2, "Inspection Report – Insects in Grain."

In 2005, APHIS and GIPSA agreed to expand the scope of this MOU to include export grain shipped by containers, trucks, and railcars from interior locations, and in July 2007, the MOU was further expanded to include inspection of processed grain products administratively assigned to GIPSA.

In November 2012, Vietnam informed APHIS that they were implementing additional measures to Distillers Dried Grains with Solubles (DDGS) shipments in order to reduce the incidence of reported infestations of Larger Cabinet Beetles (*Trogoderma inclusum*). All DDGS shipments to Vietnam are now required to have an APHIS phytosanitary certificate indicating that the product was either heat treated or the product in the carrier (container) was treated with phosphine or methyl bromide prior to export.

Because FGIS does not have “official fumigation procedures” for bulk processed commodities there has been some concerns by FGIS and APHIS on the method of reporting fumigation information on the FGIS 921-2. To alleviate uncertainty, the following policy has been established.

3. POLICY

- a. This policy is to be applied for all carrier types:
 - 1) If the fumigation is witnessed by official personnel, the fumigation section will be completed on the FGIS 921-2.
 - 2) If the fumigation is not witnessed, the fumigation section will be completed on the FGIS 921-2, however the Name of Inspector block will be left blank.

Note: The fumigation information that is documented will be what the licensed fumigator provides.

Note: The “Treatment” box should always be left blank per FGIS 921-2 instructions.

4. FILING INSTRUCTIONS

File a copy of this memo with Directive 9180.35, Phytosanitary Inspection, until the directive is revised to include this change. Field office managers must ensure that a copy of this memorandum is provided to official agencies operating within their circuit.

5. QUESTIONS

Direct any questions regarding this policy to Robert Dorman, Policies, Procedures, and Market Analysis Branch, at (816) 659-8411 or email at Robert.J.Dorman@usda.gov.

6. ATTACHMENTS

