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Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services  
Risk Management Agency

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**INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM: R&D-01-017**

TO: All Reinsured Companies  
All Risk Management Field Offices  
All Other Interested Parties

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SUBJECT: Official Inspection Locations

**ISSUE:**

This memorandum is being issued to advise program participants of the locations where crops can be officially inspected by graders licensed under the United States Grain Standards Act, Agricultural Marketing Act, or the United States Warehouse Act.

**BACKGROUND:**

In accordance with policy provisions, samples must be analyzed by a grader licensed to grade the commodity under the authority of the United States Grain Standards Act, United States Agricultural Marketing Act, or the United States Warehouse Act in order for the results to be used by insurance providers for crop insurance quality adjustment purposes.

It has come to our attention that grade certificates for some crops are being issued by inspection services that are not licensed to give official USDA grades. The following provides information for locating official inspection sites.



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**ACTION:**

For crops administered under the **United States Grain Standards Act** (barley, canola, corn, flaxseed, oats, rye, sorghum, soybeans, sunflower seed, and wheat), refer to the Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) Official Agency Directory for official inspection sites. A copy of the directory can be obtained through the GIPSA Compliance Division in Washington D.C. For an abridged version, go to the following internet site:

**<http://www.usda.gov/gipsa/aboutus/oa-dir.htm>**

For crops administered under the **Agricultural Marketing Act** (Crops include but are not limited to dry beans, lentils, dry peas, rice, safflower; check individual crop provisions.) contact the nearest Federal Grain Inspection Service (FGIS) field office for the location of the nearest facility that can give an official grade for submitted samples of the applicable crop.

**NOTE: Not all facilities working under FGIS are licensed to grade all commodities administered under the Agricultural Marketing Act.** A list of FGIS field offices can be found at the following internet site:

**<http://www.usda.gov/gipsa/aboutus/servicemap/usmap.htm>**

A facility licensed under the **United States Warehouse Act (USWA)** must have individuals on site who are licensed to weigh, inspect, or grade specific commodities, and may only give a grade for production that is delivered to that warehouse for storage or handling. Warehouse employees licensed to grade specific commodities under the auspices of the USWA cannot provide grades for samples submitted for grading purposes only.

Each warehouse is only licensed for certain types of commodities. For example, a warehouse licensed for grain only cannot inspect, weigh, or grade dry beans unless it is also licensed to handle dry beans.

A listing of licensed warehouses, the city and the applicable crops (e.g., CTN is cotton, GRN is grain, and DEB is dry edible beans) can be found at the following internet site:

**<http://www.fsa.usda.gov/daco/db3.htm>**

**DISPOSAL DATE:**

The disposal date of this Informational Memorandum is December 31, 2001.