

the functions and services under the Act. The Administrator may delegate authority to the Deputy Administrator and other appropriate officers and employees. The Administrator may, in emergencies or other circumstances which would not impair the objectives of the Act, suspend for period determined by the Administrator any provision of the regulations or official grain standards. The Administrator may authorize research; experimentation; and testing of new procedures, equipment, and handling techniques to improve the inspection and weighing of grain. The Administrator may waive the official inspection and official weighing requirements pursuant to Section 5 of the Act.

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§ 800.3 Nondiscrimination—policy and provisions.

In implementing, administering, and enforcing the Act and the regulations, standards, and instructions, it is the policy of the Service to promote adherence to the provisions of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000a *et seq.*), (Pub. L. 88-352).

§ 800.4 Procedures for establishing regulations, official standards, and official criteria.

Notice of proposals to prescribe, amend, or revoke regulations, official standards, and official criteria under the Act shall be published in accordance with applicable provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. 551, *et seq.*). Proposals to establish, amend, or revoke grain standards will be made effective not less than 1 calendar year after promulgation unless, for good cause, the Service determines that the public health, interest, or safety require that they become effective sooner. Any interested person desiring to file a petition for the issuance, amendment, or revocation of regulations, Official U.S. Standards for Grain, or official criteria may do so in accordance with § 1.28 of the regulations of the Office of the Secretary of Agriculture (7 CFR 1.28).

§ 800.5 Complaints and reports of alleged violations.

(a) *General.* Except as provided in paragraphs (b) and (c) of this section, complaints and reports of violations involving the Act or the regulations, standards, and instructions issued under the Act should be filed with the Service in accordance with § 1.133 of the regulations of the Office of the Secretary of Agriculture (7 CFR 1.133) and with the regulations and the instructions.

(b) *Reinspection, review of weighing, and appeal services.* Complaints involving the results of official inspection or Class X or Class Y weighing services shall, to the extent practicable, be submitted as requests for a reinspection service, a review of weighing service, an appeal inspection service, or a Board appeal inspection service as set forth in these regulations.

(c) *Foreign buyer complaints.* Inquiries or complaints from importers or other purchasers in foreign countries involving alleged discrepancies in the quality or weight of officially inspected or Class X weighed export grain shall, to the extent possible, be submitted by the importers or purchasers to the appropriate U.S. Agricultural Attache in accordance with § 2.68(a)(14) of the regulations of the Office of the Secretary of Agriculture (7 CFR 2.68(a)(14)) and the instructions issued by the Foreign Agricultural Service of the Department.

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§ 800.6 Provisions for hearings.

Opportunities will be provided for hearings prescribed or authorized by sections 7(g)(3), 7A(c)(2), 9, 10(d), and 17A(d) of the Act, and the hearings shall be conducted in accordance with the Rules of Practice Governing Formal Adjudicatory Administrative Proceedings Instituted by the Secretary under Various Statutes (7 CFR, part 1, subpart H).