

(1) Recombine or add dockage or foreign material to any grain, or

(2) Blend different kinds of grain except when such blending will result in grain being designated as Mixed grain in accordance with subpart E of the Official United States Standards for Grain.

(3) Add water to grain for purposes other than milling, malting, or similar processing operations.

(c) *Exemption.* (1) The Administrator may grant exemptions from paragraph (b) of this section for grain shipments sent directly to a domestic end-user or processor. Requests for exemptions shall be submitted by grain handlers to the Service through the domestic end-users or processors or their representatives.

(2) Grain sold under an exemption shall be consumed or processed into a product(s) by the purchaser and not resold into the grain market.

(3) Products or byproducts from grain sold under an exemption shall not be blended with or added to grain in commercial channels, except for vegetable oil which may be used as a dust suppressant in accordance with (d)(4) of this section.

(d) *Exceptions.* Paragraph (b) shall not be construed as prohibiting the following grain handling practices. Compliance with paragraphs (d)(1) through (d)(6) of this section does not excuse compliance with applicable Federal, State, and local laws.

(1) *Blending.* Grain of the same kind, as defined by the Official United States Standards for Grain, may be blended to adjust quality. Broken corn or broken kernels may be recombined or added to whole grain of the same kind provided that no foreign material or dockage has been added to the broken corn or broken kernels.

(2) *Insect and fungi control.* Grain may be treated to control insects and fungi. Elevators, other grain handlers, and their agents are responsible for the proper use and applications of insecticides and fungicides. Sections 800.88 and 800.96 include additional requirements for grain that is officially inspected and weighed.

(3) *Marketing dockage and foreign material.* Dockage and foreign material may be marketed separately.

(4) *Dust suppressants.* Grain may be treated with an additive, other than water, to suppress dust during handling. Elevators, other grain handlers, and their agents are responsible for the proper use and application of dust suppressants. Sections 800.88 and 800.96 include additional requirements for grain that is officially inspected and weighed.

(5) *Identification.* Confetti or similar material may be added to grain for identification purposes. Elevators, other grain handlers, and their agents are responsible for the proper use and application of such materials. Sections 800.88 and 800.96 include additional requirements for grain that is officially inspected or weighed.

(6) *Export loading facilities.* Between May 1, 1987, and December 31, 1987, export elevators at export port locations may recombine dockage and foreign material, but not dust, with grain provided such recombination occurs during the loading of a vessel with the intended purpose of ensuring uniformity of dockage and foreign material in the cargo.

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§ 800.70 Fees for official services performed by agencies.

(a) *Assessment and use of fees.* (1) Fees assessed by an agency for official inspection and Class X or Class Y weighing services or testing of inspection equipment shall be reasonable and non-discriminatory.

(2) In the case of a State or local governmental agency, fees shall not be used for any purpose other than to finance the cost of the official inspection and Class X or Class Y weighing service and inspection equipment testing service performed by the agency or the cost of other closely related programs administered by the agency.

(b) *Approval required.* (1) *Restriction.* Only fees that meet the requirements stated in this section and are approved by the Service as reasonable and non-discriminatory may be charged by an agency.

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(2) *Exceptions.* For good cause shown by an agency, the Administrator may grant case-by-case exceptions to the requirements in this section, provided that a determination is made that the agency fees would be reasonable and nondiscriminatory.

(c) *Reasonable fees.* In determining if an agency's fees are reasonable, the Service will consider whether the fees: (1) Cover the estimated total cost to the agency of (i) official inspection services, (ii) Class X or Class Y weighing services, (iii) inspection equipment testing services, and (iv) related supervision and monitoring activities performed by the agency; (2) Are reasonably consistent with fees assessed by adjacent agencies for similar services; (3) Are assessed on the basis of the average cost of performing the same or similar services at all locations served by the agency; and (4) Are supported by sufficient information which shows how the fees were developed.

(d) *Nondiscriminatory fees.* In determining if fees are nondiscriminatory, the Service will consider whether the fees are collected from all applicants for official service in accordance with the approved fee schedule. Charges for time and travel incurred in providing service at a location away from a specified service point shall be assessed in accordance with the approved fee schedule.

(e) *Schedule of fees to be established.* (1) Each agency shall establish a schedule of fees for official services which the agency is delegated or designated the authority to perform. The schedule shall be in a standard format in accordance with the instructions. Such schedules may include fees for nonofficial services provided by the agency, but they shall be clearly identified and will not be subject to approval by the Service.

(2) The schedule shall be published and made available by the agency to all users of its services.

(f) *Request for approval of fees.* (1) *Time requirement.* A request for approval of a new or revised fee shall be submitted to the Service not less than 60 days in advance of the proposed effective date for the fee. Failure to submit a request within the prescribed time period may

be considered grounds for postponement or denial of the request.

(2) *Contents of request.* Each request shall show (i) the present fee, if any, and the proposed fee, together with data showing in detail how the fee was developed, and (ii) the proposed effective date.

(g) *Review of request.* (1) *Approval action.* If upon review the Service finds that the request and supporting data justify the new or revised fee, the request will be marked "approved" and returned to the agency.

(2) *Denial action.* If the Service finds that the request and supporting data do not justify the new or revised fee, approval of the request will be withheld pending receipt of any additional supporting data which the agency has to offer. If the data are not submitted within a reasonable period, the request shall be denied. In the case of a denial of a request, the agency shall be notified of the reason for denial.

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§ 800.71 Fees assessed by the Service.

(a) *Official inspection and weighing services.* The fees shown in schedules A and B apply to official inspection and weighing services performed by FGIS in the United States and Canada. The fees shown in schedule C apply to official inspection and weighing services performed by delegated States and designated agencies in the United States, except for those State agencies that have been delegated additional responsibilities by FGIS. These States shall be assessed fees as set forth in the State's Delegation of Authority document. Failure of a delegated State or designated agency to pay prescribed fees within 30 days after being due, shall result in automatic termination of the delegation or designation. The delegation or designation shall be reinstated if fees currently due, plus interest and any further expenses incurred by the Service because of the termination are paid within 60 days of the termination.