

**§ 868.71**

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authorized to perform the inspection being certificated.

(e) *Name requirement.* The name or the signature, or both, of the person who issued the inspection certificate shall be shown on the original and all copies of the certificate.

(f) *Authorization to affix names.* (1) *Requirements.* The names or the signatures, or both, of official personnel may be affixed to official certificates which are prepared from work records signed or initialed by the person whose name will be shown. The agent affixing the name or signature, or both, shall: (i) Be employed by a cooperating agency or the Service, (ii) have been designated to affix names or signatures, or both, and (iii) hold a power of attorney from the person whose name or signature, or both, will be affixed. The power of attorney shall be on file with the employing cooperating agency or the Service as appropriate.

(2) *Initialing.* When a name or signature, or both, is affixed by an authorized agent, the initials of the agent shall appear directly below or following the name or signature of the person.

(g) *Advance information.* Upon request, the contents of an official certificate may be furnished in advance to the applicant and any other interested person, or to their order, and any additional expense shall be borne by the requesting party.

(h) *Certification; when prohibited.* An official certificate shall not be issued for service after the request for an inspection service has been withdrawn or dismissed.

**§ 868.71 Official certificate requirements.**

Official certificates shall—

- (a) Be on standard printed forms prescribed in the instructions;
- (b) Be in English;
- (c) Be typewritten or handwritten in ink and be clearly legible;
- (d) Show the results of inspection services in a uniform, accurate, and concise manner;
- (e) Show the information required by §§ 868.70-868.75; and
- (f) Show only such other information and statements of fact as are provided

in the instructions authorized by the Administrator.

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**§ 868.72 Certification of results.**

(a) *General.* Each official certificate shall show the results of the inspection service.

(b) *Graded commodities.* Each official certificate for graded commodities shall show—

- (1) The class, grade, or any other quality designation according to the official grade standards;
- (2) All factor information requested by the applicant; and
- (3) All grade determining factors for commodities graded below the highest quality grade.

**§ 868.73 Corrected certificates.**

(a) *General.* The accuracy of the statements and information shown on official certificates must be verified by the individual whose name or signature, or both, is shown on the official certificate or by the authorized agent who affixed the name or signature, or both. Errors found during this process shall be corrected according to this section.

(b) *Who may correct.* Only official personnel or their authorized agents may make corrections, erasures, additions, or other changes to official certificates.

(c) *Corrections prior to issuance.* No corrections, erasures, additions, or other changes shall be made which involve identification, quality, or quantity. If such errors are found, a new official certificate shall be prepared and issued and the incorrect certificate marked "Void." Otherwise, errors may be corrected provided that—

- (1) The corrections are neat and legible;
- (2) Each correction is initialed by the individual who corrects the certificate; and
- (3) The corrections and initials are shown on the original and all copies.

(d) *Corrections after issuance.* (1) *General.* If errors are found on an official certificate at any time up to a maximum of 1 year after issuance, the errors shall be corrected by obtaining the incorrect certificate and replacing it