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Deputy Administrator. Such evaluation will include:

(1) A review of the adequacy of quality control measures taken by the laboratory for the standardized method of analysis for a commodity and its related products;

(2) A review of the laboratory methodologies and procedures;

(3) A review of records for the calibration and maintenance of equipment;

(4) A review of records documenting sample handling;

(5) The evidence of quality control records;

(6) The evidence of correct reporting and determination of analytical data.

(b) A laboratory will receive a quality assurance report following the review. This evaluation will address any necessary improvements to the laboratory program(s) being examined.

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§ 90.103 Maintenance of quality control records.

Quality control records pertaining, but not limited to the following areas, shall be retained by the laboratory for at least the 3 most recent years:

(a) Prepared solution standardizations;

(b) Recovery studies by known analyte additions;

(c) The purity checks of reagents and test materials;

(d) Apparatus and equipment calibrations;

(e) The quality examination and testing of materials;

(f) The mandatory participation in proficiency check sample testing or collaborative studies;

(g) Daily critical parameter checks of equipment, such as temperature readings;

(h) The equivalency tests of new procedures with standard methodologies.

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Subpart A—Administration

§91.1 General.

This part consolidates the procedural and administrative rules of the Science and Technology of the Agricultural Marketing Service for conducting the analytical testing and laboratory audits with quality assurance reviews. It also contains the fees, charges and laboratories applicable to such services.

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§91.2 Definitions.

Words used in the regulations in this part in the singular form will import the plural, and vice versa, as the case may demand. As used throughout the regulations in this part, unless the context requires otherwise, the following terms will be construed to mean:

Agency. The Agricultural Marketing Service agency of the United States Department of Agriculture.

Analyses. Microbiological, chemical, or physical tests performed on a commodity.

Applicant. Any person or organization requesting services provided by the Science and Technology (S&T) programs.

Legal holidays. Those days designated as legal public holidays specified by Congress in paragraph (a) of section 6103, title 5 of the United States Code and any other day declared to be a holiday by Federal Statute or Executive Order. Under section 6103 and Executive Order 10357, as amended, if the specified legal public holiday falls on a Saturday, the preceding Friday shall be considered the holiday, or if the specified legal holiday falls on a Sunday, the following Monday shall be considered to be the holiday.

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§91.3 Authority.

The Deputy Administrator is charged with the administration of this subchapter.

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Subpart B—General Services

§91.4 Kinds of services.

(a) Analytical tests. Analytical laboratory testing services under the regulations in this subchapter consist of microbiological, chemical, and certain other analyses, requested by the applicant and performed on tobacco, seed, dairy, egg, fruit and vegetable, meat and poultry products, and related processed products. Analyses are performed to determine if products meet Federal specifications or specifications defined in purchase contracts and cooperative agreements. Laboratory analyses are also performed on egg products as part of the mandatory Egg Products Inspection Program under the management of USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) as detailed in 9 CFR 590.580.

(b) *Examination and licensure.* The manager of a particular Science and Technology program administers examinations and licenses analysts in laboratories for competency in performing commodity testing services.

(c) Quality assurance reviews. The Science and Technology representative