



NOTICE TO THE INDUSTRY - BCD-24

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DATE: August 30, 2002
TO: All Warehouse Operators Approved Under the Uniform Grain and Rice Storage Agreement (UGRSA)
SUBJECT: Marketing Loan Program for Dry Peas, Lentils, and Small Chickpeas

Background

The Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 mandates a nonrecourse marketing assistance loan program for Dry Peas, Lentils, and Small Chickpeas (Pulses). Pulses are eligible for marketing assistance loans beginning with the 2002 crop year and may be stored on farm or in a warehouse that meets the Standards for Approval of Warehouses (7 CFR 1421). The Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) will issue an addendum under the UGRSA for warehouse operators wishing to store pulses placed under loan or that may become CCC-owned. Warehouse operators without a UGRSA must apply for a UGRSA and addendum to store pulses.

Currently Approved UGRSA Warehouses

Warehouse operators should contact the Storage Contract Branch (SCB), Bulk Commodities Division, for the Schedule of Rates (Pulses) and Addendum to the Uniform Grain and Rice Storage Agreement for the Storage and Handling of Pulses. The warehouse operator must complete these forms and return them to SCB. SCB will then execute the Addendum to the UGRSA and the schedule of rates before returning a copy to the warehouse operator.

For Warehouses without a UGRSA

Contact SCB, Bulk Commodities Division, to request a temporary CCC warehouse code and UGRSA number. When calling SCB, you will be asked to provide the following information:

Company Name;
Type of entity (i.e, Corporation, Partnership, Individual, etc);
Facility location, including city and county;
Capacity.

SCB will send out a new warehouse application packet for the warehouse operator to complete and return. Approval is contingent on the warehouse operator's ability to meet the Standards for Approval of Warehouses.

Contact

For additional information, please contact:
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