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**N O T I C E**

**CONTAINER, BARGE, AND VESSEL HOLD INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS  
TITLE II, P.L. 480 AND SECTION 416 EXPORT DONATIONS**

Effective with bookings made on or after January 1, 1990, all conveyances (containers, barges, and break bulk vessels) used in shipments of processed grain products, rice, dairy products, vegetable oil, peas, beans, lentils, and bagged whole grains destined under the P.L. 480 Title II and Section 416 programs must be inspected and certified by the Federal Grain Inspection Service (FGIS) or its designated agent prior to loading.

In addition, containers filled with donated agricultural commodities, other than vegetable oil, cheese, UHT milk, and butter, destined for the Dominican Republic and Haiti must continue to be fumigated with methyl bromide and certified by a licensed fumigator.

Voluntary relief agencies and booking agents shall provide in the booking contracts for the conveyance inspections and for fumigation of applicable cargo.

**Container, Barge, and Vessel Hold Inspections**

1. Ocean carriers shall arrange for the FGIS or its agent to inspect each conveyance into which processed grain products, dairy products, rice, peas, beans, lentils, bagged whole grains, or vegetable oil are to be loaded.
2. Conveyances shall be inspected prior to loading and an inspection certificate obtained which certifies that the conveyance is clean, dry, free of insect infestation and odor, and is in condition to load and carry food commodities.
3. Costs for the inspection and certification shall be for the account of the ocean carrier.
4. Ocean carriers shall submit copies of inspection certificates to the freight forwarder along with the Ocean Bills of Lading in order to receive payment for ocean freight.
5. Freight forwarder shall distribute the certificates as follows:
  - a. One copy together with other shipping documents (consignee receipt, dock receipt, forwarding notices, etc.) to the Kansas City Commodity Office, Processed Commodities Division, Export Operations Branch, (KCCO/PCD/EOB).



- b. One copy to the consignee.
  - c. One copy together with, and in support of, the freight payment voucher.
6. Checkloading of bagged whole grains during loading is required and is for the account of the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC). Without these inspections, the Export Weight Certificates will not be issued by FGIS and vendors cannot receive payment.
  7. If a conveyance is examined immediately prior to loading of CCC commodities at the first U.S. port of call with the vessel rotation, no further examination is required unless whole grains (bulk or bagged) are loaded. If whole grains are loaded into the conveyance, new passes are required.

Container Fumigation

1. Containers filled with processed grain products, nonfat dry milk, rice, peas, beans, or lentils destined for Haiti and the Dominican Republic shall be fumigated with methyl bromide.
2. Ocean carriers shall arrange with a certified fumigator to fumigate the filled containers.
3. Filled containers shall be fumigated with methyl bromide in accordance with the instructions on the fumigant manufacturer's label.
4. Containers shall remain under fumigation for the length of time prescribed by the fumigant manufacturer.
5. The fumigant shall be applied within seven (7) days prior to loading the container aboard the container vessel.
6. Costs for the fumigation shall be for the account of the ocean carrier.
7. Ocean carriers shall submit copies of fumigation certificates to the freight forwarder along with the Ocean Bills of Lading.
8. Freight Forwarders shall distribute the certificates as follows:
  - a. One copy together with other shipping documents (consignee receipts, dock receipts, forwarding notices, etc.) to KCCO/PCD/EOB.
  - b. One copy to the consignee.
  - c. One copy together with, and in support of, the freight payment voucher.

Any questions concerning the above provisions should be directed to the Export Operations Branch.

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