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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FEDERAL GRAIN INSPECTION SERVICE
U.S. GRAIN STANDARDS ACT
OFFICIAL EXPORT GRAIN INSPECTION CERTIFICATE

APPROVED OMB NO. 0580-0013
COPY
NOT NEGOTIABLE

US-400232

Anytown, USA
ISSUED AT

July 29, 2004
DATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I am licensed or authorized under the United States Grain Standards Act (7 U.S.C. 71 et seq.) to inspect the kind of grain covered by this certificate and that on the above date the following identified grain was inspected under the Act, with the following results:

Original Inspection **Reinspection** **Appeal Inspection** **Board Appeal Inspection**

QUANTITY (This is NOT a Weight Certificate)

171,945 Pounds

LOCATION

**Any Elevator
Anytown, Texas**

IDENTIFICATION OF CARRIER

AB 12345 Hopper

GRADE AND KIND (in accordance with the Official Grain Standards of the United States)

U.S. No. 2 or better Sorghum

Test Weight per bushel 57.5 lbs., Moisture 12.4%, Heat-damaged kernels 0.0%

Damaged kernels (total) 0.7%, Broken kernels and foreign material 4.2%,

Foreign material 1.5%.

STOWAGE

REMARKS

Stowage area examined. Top 12 feet sampled.

Does not exceed 0.05 percent of sclerotia of the following species of sorghum ergot: *Claviceps africana*, *C. sorghi*, and *C. sorghicola*.

The aflatoxin result is negative. Aflatoxin does not exceed 5 ppb.

Seals applied: Top: 32509 Bottom: 1134-35-36.

SPECIMEN

APPEAL NO (if applicable)

APPLICANT
**Some Grain Company
Anytown, Texas**

NAME AND SIGNATURE

J.C. Smith

This certificate is issued under the authority of the United States Grain Standards Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. 71 et seq.), and the regulations thereunder (7 CFR 800.0 et seq.). It is issued to show the kind, class, grade, quality, condition, or quantity of grain, or the condition of a carrier or container for the storage or transportation of grain, or other facts relating to grain as determined by official personnel. The statements on this certificate are considered true at the time and place the inspection or weighing service was performed. The certificate is not considered representative of the lot if the grain is transhipped or is otherwise transferred from the identified carrier or container or if grain or other material is added to or removed from the total lot. If this certificate is not canceled by a superseding certificate, it is receivable by all officers and all courts of the United States as prima facie evidence of the truth of the facts stated therein. This certificate does not excuse failure to comply with the provisions of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, or other Federal law.

WARNING: Any person who shall knowingly falsely make, issue, alter, forge, or counterfeit this certificate, or participate in any such actions, or otherwise violate provisions in the U.S. Grain Standards Act, the U.S. Warehouse Act, or related Federal laws is subject to criminal, civil, and administrative penalties.

The conduct of all services and the licensing of personnel under the regulations governing such services shall be accomplished without discrimination as to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, or handicap.

EXPORT



United States Department of Agriculture
Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards
Administration

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The Official U.S. Grain Inspection and Weighing System
A Public-Private Partnership



The official U.S. grain inspection and weighing system serves producers, handlers, processors, exporters, importers, and end-users of American grain by providing consistent and professional grain inspection and weighing services.

The official system is a unique public-private partnership overseen by the United States Department of Agriculture, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration's Federal Grain Inspection Service (FGIS). The system includes Federal, State Departments of Agriculture, and other Official Inspection Agencies (OIA) authorized by FGIS to provide official inspection and weighing services to the domestic and export grain trade. While the composition of the official system is diverse, its results are not. Every customer -- whether on the East Coast or the Gulf of Mexico, or in the Midwest or the Pacific Northwest -- receives consistent, accurate service. That's because every official service provider operates under uniform, official U.S. grain standards and procedures.



Internal company quality control programs and independent unofficial laboratories can provide grain quality analyses. Not all grain inspection companies in the United States operate under the authority of FGIS. Some may apply the Official U.S. Grain Standards and even issue inspection and weight certificates that resemble FGIS'. But they are not required to use only FGIS-approved equipment or routinely test their laboratory equipment for accuracy. They do not have access to FGIS' 13 nationwide quality control programs, nor are they subject to FGIS oversight and audit as are official agencies. Further, they are not required to adhere to specific conflict-of-interest rules.



Only official agencies authorized by FGIS can provide an official grain inspection certificate. The FGIS watermark logo in the center of the certificate is your assurance that it is an official inspection certificate. This certificate provides more than just information on the quality and quantity of grain inspected. **It assures...**

Consistency. All official agencies are strictly guided by the United States Grain Standards Act. This ensures consistency of test results and services, from elevator to elevator, and State to State. Official inspections of grains, oilseeds, and other agricultural and processed commodities are based on established standards, and on sound, proven, and standardized procedures, techniques, and equipment.

Verifiable Accuracy. The accuracy of officially approved equipment is verified -- and re-verified -- by FGIS technicians using finely-calibrated master instruments and official reference methods. The work done by official inspection personnel is reviewed and monitored by extensive quality assurance programs. FGIS developed a computerized tracking program called the Quality Assurance/Quality Control (QA/QC) Program. It is a proactive system for monitoring grading accuracy and ensuring consistent inspection results at all levels of the official inspection system Federal and Official Agencies.



Information, Information. Official tests provide a wealth of information about important sanitary, physical, food safety, and intrinsic quality characteristics. These tests provide the grain industry with reliable information on foreign material, insect infestation, moisture content, protein and oil content, aflatoxin, and pesticide residues... to name a few.



Responsiveness. Official U.S. grain standards are continuously reviewed and revised to meet the needs of a dynamic, competitive, and quality-conscious worldwide marketplace. New tests and procedures are continually being developed to offer the latest information, using the latest technology needed by buyers, sellers, and end-users of U.S. grain. These services are available from all of the official system's agencies.



Professionalism and Integrity. Official inspectors pass rigorous tests and undergo extensive and continuous training. System-wide quality control requirements ensure that official personnel consistently provide high-quality, accurate services and information.

Credibility. U.S. and international buyers rely on official inspection certificates to provide accurate, official descriptions of the grade, class, and condition of grain. Official grain inspection certificates are legal documents that are admissible in court.

For more information about the Official System and Official Inspection Agencies, please visit the GIPSA web site: www.usda.gov/gipsa

Official USDA Phytosanitary Certification

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) of the USDA has a role to protect the agricultural health of the United States and that of our trading partners. APHIS' Plant Protection and Quarantine (PPQ) is central to the successful movement of pest free commodities into and out of the United States. PPQ is responsible for ensuring that healthy fruits, vegetables, seeds, grains, plants, bulbs, timber, and flowers can be exported with minimal risk to agriculture and natural resources.

Plant Export Certification assists American farmers and exporters by providing phytosanitary inspection and certification for many agricultural commodities being exported to foreign countries. As a courtesy, PPQ will provide phytosanitary certificates to exporters when required by a foreign country. The intended purpose of phytosanitary certificates is to expedite the entry of plants or plant products into a foreign country. The phytosanitary certificates certify to the foreign plant protection service that the products have been inspected and are free of regulated pests and diseases.

For more information about APHIS' role in issuing Official Federal Phytosanitary Certificates, please visit the APHIS web site: www.aphis.usda.gov