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**Los Angeles Harbor Grain Terminal, Inc.,  
Pays \$38,000 Penalty to Settle USDA Charges**

WASHINGTON, Apr. 5, 2012 – Los Angeles Harbor Grain Terminal, Inc. (Los Angeles Harbor Grain Terminal), Long Beach, Calif., agreed to pay a \$38,000 civil penalty to settle an enforcement action brought by the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA).

Los Angeles Harbor Grain Terminal was charged with deceptively weighing and handling 758 containers of grain, and thereby knowingly attempted to cause the issuance of false official weight certificates. Such action is a violation of the United States Grain Standards Act (USGSA), 7 U.S.C. 87b.

The complaint filed against Los Angeles Harbor Grain Terminal was the result of an investigation conducted by GIPSA under the authority of the USGSA. The USGSA provides for the establishment of U.S. grain standards, and for the official inspection and weighing of grain shipped in domestic and foreign commerce.

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