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**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:**

The Federal Grain Inspection Service (FGIS), a program of the Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, is issuing this notice to clarify inspection certificates for grain shipments.

FGIS and official agencies (delegated or designated by FGIS) issue official grain inspection certificates to reflect the quality and condition of grain shipments. Certificates that certify the results based on a representative sample of the carrier contain the FGIS logo. This FGIS logo assures the certificate is issued by FGIS or an official agency. An example of the FGIS logo is shown below.



Advances in office automation and computer technology are allowing the issuance of inspection certificates at remote locations and utilize computer-generated signatures in place of ink signatures. Consequently, the look and feel of official inspection certificates will slightly change in the future. Official inspection certificates that represent an inspection based on a representative sample will continue to contain the FGIS logo identified above.

If you have any questions regarding the authenticity of official inspection certificates, please direct your questions to the FGIS Policies and Procedures Branch at 202-720-0252 or to the FGIS Office of International Affairs at 202-720-0226.

Sincerely,

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