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Products. Includes all agricultural commodities and services within the scope of the Livestock and Seed Program This includes livestock, meat, meat products, seed, feedstuffs, as well as processes involving the production of these products, agricultural product data storage, product traceability and identification.

QSVP Procedures. Audit rules and guidelines set forth by the Agricultural Marketing Service regarding the development, documentation, and implementation of QSVP.

Quality Manual. A collection of documents that describe the applicant’s quality management system, as it applies to the requested service.

Quality Systems Verification Programs (QSVP). A collection of voluntary, audit-based, user-fee programs that allow applicants to have program documentation and program processes assessed by AMS auditor(s) and other USDA officials under this part.

Regulations. The regulations in this part.

USDA. The U.S. Department of Agriculture.

ADMINISTRATION

§ 62.100 Administrator.

The LS Program Deputy Administrator is charged with the administration of official assessments conducted according to the regulations in this part and approved LS Program QSVP procedures.

SERVICE

§ 62.200 Services.

QSVP, under this regulation, provide applicants, the ability to have USDA assess documented processes or systems.

(a) Assessment services provided under the regulations shall consist of:

(1) A review of the adequacy of an applicant’s quality manual against LS Program QSVP procedures, internationally recognized guidelines, or other requirements as approved by the LS Program;

(2) An onsite assessment of the applicant’s program to ensure implementation of provisions within the quality manual and the applicant’s conform-

ance with applicable program requirements and LS Program QSVP procedures; and

(3) A reassessment of the applicant’s program to ensure continued implementation of provisions within the quality manual and the applicant’s conformance with program requirements and applicable LS Program QSVP procedures;

(b) Developmental assistance in the form of training to explain LS Program QSVP procedures is available upon request.

§ 62.201 Availability of service.

QSVP services under these regulations are available to international and domestic government agencies, private agricultural businesses and any financially interested person.

§ 62.202 How to apply for service.

Applicants may apply for QSVP services by submitting the following information to the ARC Branch headquarters office at USDA, AMS, LSP, ARC Branch, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., STOP 0294, Room 2627-S, Washington, DC 20250-0294; by fax to: (202) 690-1038, or e-mail to: ARCBranch@usda.gov.

(a) The original completed form LS-313, Application for Service;

(b) A letter requesting QSVP services; and

(c) A complete copy of the applicant’s program documentation, as described in the LS Program QSVP procedures.

§ 62.203 How to withdraw service.

Service may be withdrawn by the applicant at any time; provided that, the applicant notifies the ARC Branch in writing of his/her desire to withdraw the application for service and pays any expenses the Department has incurred in connection with such application.

§ 62.204 Authority to request service.

Any person requesting service may be required to prove his/her financial interest in the product or service at the discretion of the Deputy Administrator.