§ 800.97 Weighing grain in containers, land carriers, barges, and shiplots

(a) General. The weighing of grain loaded or unloaded from any carrier shall be conducted according to this section and the instructions.

(b) Procedure—(1) General. If grain in a carrier is offered for inspection or weighing service as one lot, the grain shall be weighed and certified as one lot. The identification of the carrier shall be recorded on the scale tape or ticket and the weight certificate.

(2) Sacked grain. If sacked grain is offered for weighing and the grain is not fully accessible, the request for weighing service shall be dismissed.

(3) Part lots. If a portion of an inbound lot of grain is unloaded and a portion is left in the carrier because it is not uniform in quality or condition, or the lot is unloaded in other than a reasonably continuous operation, the portion that is removed and the portion remaining in the carrier shall be considered as part lots and shall be weighed and certified as part lots.

(4) Commingled carriers. If grain from two or more identified carriers becomes mixed, (i) the combined weight of the grain shall be shown in the “Net Weight” block of one certificate with all carrier identification shown in the identification of carrier section of the certificate, or (ii) upon request of the applicant, a certificate shall be issued for each carrier with the “Net Weight” block crossed out, and with the total combined weight unloaded and the identification of the other carrier(s) shown in the “Remarks” section.

(5) Unremoved grain. If, after unloading an inbound carrier, there is sound grain remaining in the carrier that could have been removed with reasonable effort, the weight certificate shall show the weight of the grain that was actually unloaded from the carrier and a statement regarding the grain remaining in the carrier.

(6) Certification of trucklots, carlots, and bargelots—(1) Basic requirement. One official certificate shall be issued for the weighing of the grain in each truck, trailer, truck/trailer(s) combination, railroad car, barge, or similarly sized carrier. This requirement shall not be applicable to grain weighed as a combined lot under § 800.98.

(2) Part-lot weight certificates. A part-lot weight certificate shall show (i) the weight of the portion that is unloaded and (ii) the following statement: “Part-lot: The net weight stated herein reflects a partial unload.”

(3) Certification of shiplot grain—(1) Basic requirement. The certificate shall show (i) if applicable, a statement that the grain has been loaded aboard with other grain, (ii) the official weight, (iii) the stowage or other identification of the grain, and (iv) other information required by the regulations and the instructions.

(2) Common stowage. (i) Without separation. If bulk grain is offered for weighing as it is being loaded aboard a ship and is loaded without separation in a stowage area with other grain or another commodity, the weight certificate for the grain in each lot shall show that the lot was loaded aboard with other grain or another commodity without separation and the relative location of the grain.

(ii) With separation. If separations are laid between adjacent lots, the weight certificates shall show the kind of material used in the separations and the location of the separations in relation to each lot.

(iii) Exception. The common stowage requirements of this paragraph shall not be applicable to the first lot in a stowage area unless a second lot has been loaded, in whole or in part, in the stowage area before issuing the official weight certificate for the first lot.

(3) Official mark. If the grain is officially weighed in a reasonably continuous operation, upon request by the applicant, the following statement may be shown on the weight certificate:
§ 800.98 Weighing grain in combined lots.

(a) General. The weighing of bulk or sacked grain loaded aboard, or being loaded aboard, or unloaded from two or more carriers as a combined lot shall be conducted according to this section and the instructions.

(b) Weighing procedure. (1) Single lot weighing. Single lots of grain that are to be weighed as a combined lot shall be weighed in one location. The grain loaded into or unloaded from each carrier must be weighed in accordance with procedures prescribed in the instructions. In the case of sacked grain, a representative weight sample shall be obtained from the grain in each carrier unless otherwise specified in the instructions.

(2) Recertification. Grain that has been weighed and certificated as two or more single lots may be recertificated as a combined lot provided that (i) the grain in each single lot has been weighed in one location, (ii) the original weight certificates issued for the single lots have been or will be surrendered to the appropriate agency or field office, (iii) the official personnel who performed the weighing service for the single lots and the official personnel who are to recertificate the grain as a combined lot determine that the weight of the grain in the lots has not since changed and, in the case of sacked grain, that the weight samples used as a basis for weighing the single lots were representative at the time of the weighing.

(3) Grain uniform in quality. An applicant may request that grain be weighed and certificated as a combined lot whether or not the grain is uniform in quality for the purpose of inspection under the Act.

(c) Certification procedures—(1) General. Each certificate for a combined-lot Class X or Class Y weighing service shall show the identification for the “Combined lot” or, at the request of the applicant, the identification of each carrier in the combined lot. The identification and any seal information for the carriers may be shown on the reverse side of the weight certificate, provided the statement “See reverse side” is shown on the face of the certificate in the space provided for remarks.

(2) Recertification. If a request for a combined-lot Class X or Class Y weighing service is filed after the grain in the single lots has been weighed and certificated, the combined-lot weighing certificate shall show (i) the date of weighing the grain in the combined lot (if the single lots were weighed on different dates, the latest of the dates shall be shown); (ii) a serial number, other than the serial numbers of the weight certificates that are to be superseded; (iii) the name of the elevator from which or into which the grain in the combined lot was loaded or unloaded; (iv) a statement showing the weight of the grain in the combined lot; (v) a completed statement showing the identification of any superseded certificate as follows: “This combined-lot certificate supersedes certificate Nos. ____, dated ____, and (vi) if at the time of issuing the combined-lot weight certificate the superseded certificates are not in the custody of the agency or field office, the statement “The superseded certificates identified herein have not been surrendered” shall be clearly shown, in the space provided for remarks, beneath the statement identifying the superseded certificates. If the superseded certificates are in the custody of the agency or field office, the superseded certificates shall be clearly marked “Void.”

(3) Part lot. If a part of a combined lot of grain in inbound carriers is unloaded and a part is left in the carriers, the grain that is unloaded shall be certificated in accordance with the provisions in §800.97(c)(2).

(4) Official mark. When grain is weighed as a combined lot in one continuous operation, upon request by the applicant, the following statement shall be shown on the weight certificate: “Loaded under continuous official weighing,” or “Loaded under continuous official inspection and weighing.”

(5) Further combining. After a combined-lot weight certificate has been issued, there shall be no further combining and no dividing of the certificate.