§ 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 certified as two or more single lots may be recertified 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 certified 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 certified, 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 certified 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.
§ 800.99 Checkweighing sacked grain.

(a) General. Each checkweighing service performed on a lot of sacked grain to determine the weight of the grain shall be made on the basis of one or more official weight samples obtained from the grain by official personnel according to this section and procedures prescribed in the instructions.

(b) Representative sample. No official weight sample shall be considered to be representative of a lot of sacked grain unless the sample is of the size prescribed in the instructions and has been obtained and weighed according to the procedures prescribed in the instructions.

(c) Protecting samples and data. Official personnel and other employees of an agency or the Service shall protect official weight samples and data from manipulation, substitution, and improper and careless handling which might deprive the samples and sample data of their representativeness.

(d) Restriction on weighing. No agency shall weigh any lot of sacked grain unless at the time of obtaining the official weight sample the grain from which the sample was obtained was located within the area of responsibility assigned to the agency, except as otherwise provided for in §800.117, or on a case-by-case basis as determined by the Administrator.

(e) Equipment and labor. Each applicant for weighing services shall provide necessary labor for obtaining official weight samples and place the samples in a position for weighing and shall supply suitable weighing equipment approved by the Service, pursuant to the regulations and the instructions.

(f) Disposition of official weight samples. In weighing sacked grain in lots, the grain in the official weight samples shall be returned to the lots from which the samples were obtained.

(g) Provisions by kinds of service—(1) “IN” movements. Each checkweighing on an “IN” movement of sacked grain shall be based on an official weight sample obtained while the grain is at rest in the carrier or during unloading, in accordance with procedures prescribed in the instructions.

(2) “OUT” movements (export). Each checkweighing of sacked export grain shall be based on an official weight sample obtained as the grain is being loaded aboard the final carrier, as the grain is being sacked, or while the grain is at rest in a warehouse or holding facility, in accordance with procedures prescribed in the instructions.

(3) “OUT” movements (other than export). Each checkweighing of an “OUT” movement of nonexport sacked grain shall be based on an official weight sample obtained from the grain as the grain is being loaded in the carrier, or while the grain is at rest in the carrier, or while the grain is at rest in a warehouse or holding facility, or while the grain is being sacked, in accordance with procedures prescribed in the instructions.

(4) “LOCAL” weighing. Each checkweighing of a “LOCAL” movement of sacked grain shall be based on an official weight sample obtained while the grain is at rest or while the grain is being transferred, in accordance with procedures prescribed in the instructions.

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§ 800.115 Who may request original services.

(a) General. Any interested person may request original inspection and weighing services. The kinds of inspection and weighing services are described in §800.75.

(b) Class Y weighing services. A request for Class Y weighing services at an export elevator at an export port location shall cover all lots shipped or received in a specific type of carrier. At all other elevators, the request shall cover all lots shipped from or to a specific location in a specific type of carrier. Each request shall be for a contract period of at least 3 months, but a facility may, upon satisfactory notification, exempt specific unit trains from the request.