SEALING OF AIR SHIPMENTS –PALLET AND CONTAINER SEALING PROCEDURES

Plant Management is responsible for informing the AMS Grader whether overseas export shipments will be shipped via sea-van container or by air. When requesting certification of export shipments to be transported via air freight, management shall provide a Certificate of Conformance to the AMS grader covering condition of the transport vessel. The CoC must be on company letterhead, signed and dated, containing the following information:

- A statement that the product covered by Shell Egg Grading Certificate SEA XXXXXXX was transported under refrigerated conditions.
- A statement that the product was transported in a container or vessel (cargo hold) that is clean.

The CoC may be provided by a broker if the product is being warehoused by a company other than the producer. Management is responsible for providing the signed CoC from the broker to the AMS Grader for filing.

SEALING OF INDIVIDUAL PALLET

Due to the nature of air shipments, it is not typically possible to seal the cargo hold as with sea-van containers. In lieu of sealing the hold, the following protocol shall be used to accommodate the sealing of individual pallets. These seals shall be applied at the origin plant while the AMS grader is present. The type of seal must be designed so that pallets can be uniquely identified and would indicate tampering if broken. Sequentially numbered patch seals and tamper-evident tape are applied to the exterior of the pallet after plastic wrap and corner supports are in place. One possible method of accomplishing this is attached as an image in this document, though other methods may be used if these requirements are met and approved by an AMS supervisor. The sequentially numbered patch seals shall be applied to all four sides of the pallet(s).

- The AMS Grader will use the following statement in the remarks section of the LPS-210S in place of the seal statement: Air cargo: the following seals were applied to individual pallets: 001 – XXX
- When the individual pallets are sealed and destined for air transport, it is not necessary to seal the truck at origin.

UNIT LOAD DEVICES

Unit Load Devices (ULDs) are small metal and/or canvas containers commonly used to load aircraft with luggage or other cargo. They are not traditionally used for shell egg shipments due to their size, however they are acceptable for smaller export shipments. The containers must be capable of being sealed with serially numbered tamper-evident security seals. The seal numbers shall be documented on the LPS-210S in the remarks section. AMS personnel are not responsible for sealing shipments at airports. It is
the responsibility of the exporter or authorized representatives to apply the seals at the airport or secondary facility with accurate numbers as listed on the LPS-210S certificate.

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