SAMPLE COLLECTION FOR DARK NORTHERN SPRING AND NORTHERN SPRING WHEAT EXPORTED TO JAPAN

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1. PURPOSE

This Program Notice establishes procedures for sampling ship sublots of Dark Northern Spring (DNS) and Northern Spring (NS) wheat exported to Japan out of the Pacific Northwest as part of a joint study to compare origin and destination sampling and testing for ochratoxin A.

2. POLICY

Official service providers must follow the procedures specified in this Program Notice for all ship lots of DNS and NS being loaded for exportation to Japan from May 15, 2022 – August 31, 2022, at the ports in Portland, Kalama, Vancouver, Longview, and Tacoma.

3. BACKGROUND

The Japan Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF) is considering establishing new regulations for ochratoxin A in wheat. At the request of MAFF, the Federal Grain Inspection Service (FGIS) has agreed to provide a 1 kg sample of each sublot of DNS and NS wheat shiplots exported to Japan from the Pacific Northwest for testing of ochratoxin A by test kit. A goal of this study is to evaluate sampling and testing in order to facilitate uninterrupted trade of wheat with Japan.

4. SAMPLE COLLECTION PROCEDURES

The Portland Field Office and Washington State Department of Agriculture are asked to coordinate collection of sublot samples within their assigned area of responsibility according to the procedures contained herein. Support by management at these locations is essential for successful completion of this project.

Note: Sublot samples must be routed through the Portland Field Office as noted in the procedures below. If possible, the samples should be delivered to the third-party lab within three days after the ship is loaded. As a result, timely processing is imperative.

a. Sample Collection Period.

May 15, 2022 through August 31, 2022.

b. Sample Collection.

(1) Following the Grain Inspection Handbook, obtain a representative 1 kg sample from each sublot of DNS and NS wheat loaded aboard vessels destined for Japan, according to the procedures established under the Cumulative Sum (CuSum) loading plan.
Note: This sample collection is in addition to normal inspection procedures and the 12 kg composite sample collection for FGIS Program Notice FGIS-PN-20-01.

(2) Double bag the 1 kg sublot sample in polyethylene bags and insert a sublot sample identification slip (printed from sublot print option in DITW) between the bags and seal the samples.

(3) Repeat for each sublot loaded aboard the vessel. Do not include Material Portions or Local Returns.

(4) When loading for the lot is complete, package all samples along with a completed sample transmittal form (Attachment 1), a copy of the inspection log, and a copy of the load order for shipment to the Portland Office. DO NOT mix lots in the same packing container.

(5) Ship to the Portland Field Office at the following address using UPS Ground service. Contact James Chapman of the Analytical Chemistry Branch at James.M.Chapman@usda.gov for the UPS account number to be used.

Ship to:
FGIS Portland Field Office
MAFF Wheat Sublot Samples
Attn: David Weible
1100 NW Naito Parkway
Portland, OR 97209-2818

C. Processing at Portland Field Office.

The Portland Field Office will follow the procedures below.

(1) Re-code the sublot samples by using the data entry spreadsheet that assigns an external identifier for use by the third-party laboratory. Re-coding is necessary so that the third-party private laboratory cannot link the ochratoxin A result to a specific export lot.

(2) Record the rest of the associated information for sublot sample in the spreadsheet.

(3) Label the sample bag with the new identifier.

(4) Remove previous identifiers from the sample bag. Only the external identifier should remain.

(5) Repeat for each sublot sample in the lot.
(6) Fill out a laboratory submission form that will be sent to the third-party laboratory. See Attachment 2.

(7) Pack all the sublot samples from the lot in a cardboard box along with the completed laboratory information form. DO NOT pack samples from multiple lots in the same box.

(8) Label the box with the following address.

Deliver to:
OMIC USA Inc.
Attn: Mr. Yasufumi Suzuki
3344 NW Industrial Street
Portland, OR 97210

(9) Contact Mr. Yasufumi Suzuki at OMIC USA Inc. to arrange pickup of the samples and delivery to the OMIC lab’s address. OMIC will use their courier.

Mr. Yasufumi Suzuki
Phone: (503) 223-1497
Email: ysuzuki@omicnet.com

5. QUESTIONS

Direct any questions regarding this Program Notice to the Analytical Chemistry Branch at (816) 702-3816.
## Sample Collection of NS and DNS Wheat Exported to Japan

### Sample Transmittal Form

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### Laboratory Submission Form

#### Ochratoxin A Testing / Japan MAFF Project

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