

# Program Notice

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## TRANSFER OF OFFICIALLY SAMPLED AND GRADED BULK MILLED/BROWN RICE

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## 1. PURPOSE

This memorandum provides guidance on procedures for official sampling and grading of bulk milled/brown rice for transloading between carriers.

## 2. BACKGROUND

Purpose of this notice is to clarify official procedure options of milled/brown rice for carrier-to-carrier transloading and ensure certificate information accuracy. The transfer of such rice has a propensity to cause increased broken kernels that may affect the grade/quality of the lot. For example, an inspected lot of bulk milled/brown rice transferred from trucks to a barge may no longer represent the grade/quality of the official truck lot certificate.

## 3. POLICY

The guidance below provides official inspection procedures for bulk inspections in the event the rice is later transferred to another carrier that most accurately reflects the grade/quality of rice on that carrier(s) at the time of inspection. In the event of a transfer, the identity of a lot for the final certificate will reflect the carrier(s) on which the original inspection(s) were performed. If an applicant requires a final carrier certificate, the final carrier must be officially inspected (probed, Ellis cup, pelican, diverter sampler) if grade results are needed for the final carrier. Phytosanitary inspection results (FGIS-921-2) for the original inspection cannot be transferred to a subsequent carrier.

## 4. PROCEDURES

Perform a lot inspection of the carriers (Round-Lot procedures may be utilized and graded as single sublots or up to 4 composite sublots as described in the [Rice Handbook, "Round-Lot Inspection Plan"](#)). A separate certificate must be issued for each location. The applicant may request the transload activity be reflected by requesting an approved applicant states statement using the final carrier information as a reference number that can be shown in the remarks section of the inspection certificate ( This program notice is effective upon receipt.

Approved Applicant States Statement: "Applicant States: Reference Number – (final carrier ID)"

Note: A carrier type, ("Barge", "Container", etc.) cannot be indicated as part of the reference number.

Example: "Applicant States: Reference Number – ACG 123."

NOT: "Applicant States: Reference Number – Barge ACG 123."

## 5. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

The following clarification/guidance will be placed in the [Rice](#) Questions and Answers section on the AMS public website.

Can a Bulk Identity-Preserved Inspection Plan be provided for Milled/Brown Rice?

No. [FGIS-PN-02-01, "Bulk Identity-Preserved Inspection Plan,"](#) is available for exportrough rice shipments only. Milled and Brown Rice have gone through a process(es)and have a greater potential for breakage through the transferring from one carrier toanother. This breakage can result in changes to the final grade/quality.

Can an official certificate be issued for a bulk milled/brown rice barge (or other carrier) that has not been officially sampled but that was observed being transferred from a previously sampled, inspected, and certified truck(s) (or other carrier(s))?

No. Per [7 CFR 868.36](#) "Loss of identity", once bulk milled/brown rice has been removed from the carrier it was inspected on, it is considered to have lost its identity from the original carrier(s) and must be inspected as a new lot. The original certificate(s) is/are no longer considered representative of the original lot(s). In order to meet the applicant's request, official personnel must sample, inspect, and grade the lot of rice after it has been loaded onto another carrier, in order to issue an official certificate that reflects the grade/quality of the rice on that carrier. Phytosanitary inspection may be performed upon request.

## **6. FILING INSTRUCTIONS**

File a copy of this memo with [Rice Handbook](#) until the handbook is revised to includethis change. Field office managers must ensure that a copy of this memorandum isavailable to official agencies operating within their circuit.

## **7. QUESTIONS**

Direct any questions concerning this program notice to [AMS - FGIS Policies Procedures Market Analysis Branch.](#)