



GENERAL PRODUCT CERTIFICATION PROCEDURES

Purpose

This instruction defines policies and general product certification procedures for examining products.

Policy

Supervision of products according to approved specifications/schedules or commodity purchases require that graders be familiar with and knowledgeable about the processes involved to certify all specification requirements accordingly. It is the responsibility of the applicant to assure processes and products presented for certification meet all specification requirements before offering to the USDA grader for certification.

All products offered for certification services must originate from animals which were slaughtered in or from products manufactured or processed in establishments regularly operated under supervision of the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) or under any system of meat and poultry inspection approved by the USDA.

All certification activities stated in approved specifications/schedules or commodity purchases will adhere to the QAD 600 policies and procedures.