



Agricultural Marketing Service
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

**USDA GUIDELINES
FOR THE SANITARY
DESIGN AND FABRICATION OF
MEAT AND POULTRY
PROCESSING EQUIPMENT**

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A. Purpose

The following criteria, guidelines and principles set forth the sanitary design and fabrication features required by United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Dairy Grading Branch (DGB) for the acceptance of equipment and utensils intended for use in the slaughter, processing, or packaging of livestock and poultry products. The USDA DGB is a user fee supported service. Therefore, charges will be made for the review of drawings, utensils, or equipment and for related travel and other expenses.

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B. Scope

The USDA DGB utilizes the NSF/ANSI/3-A Standards developed and published by the NSF Joint Committee on Food Processing Equipment. Copies of the NSF/ANSI/3-A Standards are available for a nominal fee from NSF International at <https://store.accuristech.com> or contact Techstreet, 3025 Boardwalk Drive, Suite 220, Ann Arbor, MI 48108 USA; Phone (855) 999-9870.

The NSF/ANSI/3-A Standards provide criteria for materials, design and fabrication of equipment or utensils used in the slaughter, processing and packaging of meat and poultry products. There are currently three standards available:

1. NSF/ANSI/3-A 14159-1 *Hygiene Requirements for the Design of Meat and Poultry Processing Equipment*
 - Applies to equipment intended for use in the slaughter, processing, and packaging of meat and poultry products, excluding handheld tools and mechanical belt conveyors.

2. NSF/ANSI/3-A 14159-2 *Hygiene Requirements for the Design of Hand Held Tools Used in Meat and Poultry Processing*

- Applies to handheld tools intended for use in the slaughter, processing, and packaging of meat and poultry products.

3. NSF/ANSI/3-A 14159-3 *Hygiene Requirements for the Design of Mechanical Belt Conveyors Used in Meat and Poultry Processing*

- Applies to exposed product mechanical belt conveyors, either singularly or as a component of equipment, intended for use in the slaughter, processing, and packaging of meat and poultry products.

The Agricultural Marketing Service does not require that livestock and poultry equipment or utensils be presented to USDA for review. However, if upon routine inspection deficiencies with materials, design, fabrication, or workmanship are observed, which appear to violate the applicable standards, the inspection agency, the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), may request the processing plant, and subsequently the fabricator, to make appropriate modifications.

Companies may optionally request a USDA DGB Equipment Review to minimize the likelihood of such complaints. Equipment buyers are encouraged to request USDA DGB acceptance of equipment as a provision of a purchase contract. The requirement should be clearly written so as not to confuse USDA DGB acceptance with compliance with other requirements, such as those of the USDA, Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) or State inspection agencies which are not provided for within this service.

C. Application of Service

To initiate an Equipment Review, the prospective applicant may contact the DGB by e-mail, telephone, or mail. A request for inspection is to be accompanied by an [Equipment Review Request](#) form (See Exhibit 1). If the Equipment Review will require travel to an inspection site outside of the United States, the necessary information pertaining to foreign travel must be completed on the form.

Applicants are advised that a minimum of 40 working days advance notice is required for any foreign travel, and a minimum of 14 working days advance notice is required for domestic travel. Design evaluations and travel to inspection sites is based on a first-come-first-served basis and inspector availability. Applicants are encouraged to contact the DGB to verify inspector availability and schedules prior to submitting a request for service. If the date(s) requested is not a suitable date, the DGB will contact the requestor to arrange an agreeable date for all parties.

Requests for service can be sent to the following:

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D. Equipment Review Introduction

The equipment review will encompass three aspects; design, construction materials and fabrication as they relate to the equipment's cleanability.

Design review will include both product contact and non-product contact surfaces. For the design review, engineering drawings of the entire piece of equipment are generally required for evaluation of details for USDA acceptance. Engineering drawings must be of sufficient detail to clearly show, including, but not limited to:

- The dimensions of each part;
- The materials of construction of each part;
- The minimum radii dimensions of internal angles of less than 135 degrees;
- The product contact surface finish specifications;
- The specifications for welds and other permanent joints;
- The design details for flanges, or gasketed joints which are to include enlarged drawing(s) (at least 2X) of the details of O-ring retaining grooves as appropriate;
- The dimensions of O-rings, gaskets, and any other type of seals; and
- Explanations about company welding symbols and metal finishes.

Dimensions may be shown in either English or metric measurement terms but must be clearly identified as to which method is being used. The required materials listings and terminology on the drawings should be in English or include translations into English. Concept or assembly drawings should also be provided as they are useful in showing the general configuration of the equipment and the relationship of component parts to each other.

Fabrication will be evaluated by the physical inspection of completed units, usually at either the equipment manufacturer or at a processing plant. The equipment will be checked for workmanship, metal finish, and adherence to the accepted drawings. The requirements for this type of review are:

- Safe access must be provided;
- The equipment or utensil must be clean and available for inspection;

- Arrangements shall have been made with the processing plant to allow sufficient time to conduct the evaluation;
- Competent personnel shall be available for the disassembly of the equipment to facilitate the evaluation of components of the machine;
- Certifications for all plastic, rubber or rubber-like materials should be available.

Note:

*When plastic, rubber or rubber-like materials are used as product contact surfaces, **certification** that the materials comply with a regulation listed in Title 21 Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 170-199 shall be provided to USDA. All certifications shall include the following information:*

- *Documentation shall be on company letterhead.*
- *Material trade name or type shall be noted.*
- *Declaration of compliance with the appropriate Food and Drug Administration The corresponding CFR shall be cited (i.e. 21 CFR 177.2600 or 21 CFR 177.1580).*
- *Signature of a responsible certifying official.*

E. Equipment Review Procedures

As stated in Section C, each request for inspection is to be accompanied by an [Equipment Review Request](#) form (See Exhibit 1). If the request for service has been made by telephone, a completed copy of the form shall be submitted by e-mail or mail as soon as possible after the request.

Each request will be logged in on the date received. Service will be provided on a first-come-first-serve basis consistent with inspector availability, efficiency and cost management.

In turn, each request will be assigned to an Equipment Review Specialist. Assignments will be made to ensure continuity of follow-up inspections with initial evaluations. When assigned to a review specialist, each new project shall be assigned a unique project number. Follow-up evaluations or correspondence pertaining to existing projects shall use the previously assigned project number. The project number will be prefixed by “M” to designate it as a meat and poultry equipment project (e.g. M123456). The project number shall be maintained throughout the evaluation process in order to maintain a complete historical file of all activity performed on a specific piece of equipment or utensil. This may include, in addition to the initial evaluation, multiple follow-up reports, correspondence, possible field evaluations, and re-certification of a design.

Evaluation reports will follow a uniform format to facilitate review and use by field employees. The reports shall consist of the following components:

- Inspection of: (Name of equipment or utensil)
- Model Number: (Unique model designation required for eventual USDA acceptance and certification)
- Serial Number: (If applicable)
- Date: (Dates of inspection)
- Inspection by: (Name of Equipment Review Specialist)
- Type of Inspection: (Initial, Follow-up, Re-validation, etc.)
- Project Number: (Assigned project number)
- Standards used as review criteria
- Detailed listing of the observations, comments, and recommendations
- DE Attachment with the billing information

Follow-up inspections shall, whenever possible, maintain the same numbering sequence for observations, comments and recommendations as the initial evaluation. Any new observations, comments and recommendations will be added at the end of the report. The DE Attachment (See Exhibit 2) serves as the official invoice and includes all applicable fees and expense charges associated with the review. Payment instructions are provided in the documentation the applicant received at the time the DGB account was established. Should the applicant inquire additional information or assistance regarding payment instructions, please contact the National Field Office at DairyNFO@usda.gov.

Evaluation reports will be distributed to the Applicant and may be sent to the user or fabricator as designated by the Applicant. File copies are to be maintained both electronically and as hard copies by the DGB.

Upon completion of the review report all pertinent data items will be entered and verified in the USDA Meat and Poultry Equipment database.

F. Certification and Display of the Agricultural Marketing Service Mark

An Equipment Acceptance Certificate (See Exhibit 3) may be requested by the Applicant upon successful completion of the review and evaluation process that has demonstrated that the designated model of equipment or utensil complies with the criteria of the appropriate standards. The certificate may include a single model of equipment, a single model of a utensil, or a model series designation of which the various units in the series are of an identical basic design, except for scaling up or down in size. The certificate may be used in sales brochures, displays, etc., to show that the piece of equipment has been reviewed and accepted by the USDA DGB.

An Applicant may also optionally request the authority to display the Agricultural Marketing Service Official Identification Mark (See Exhibit 4). In such case, the Applicant shall submit a completed copy of [Application to Use Official Identification or Grade Labels](#) form (DA-155 form, See Exhibit 5) to the DGB requesting authorization to

display official identification. This form is generally submitted on a one-time basis by the Applicant. However, the form must be updated should the Applicant change its name or relocate its offices.

An authorized Applicant shall then submit a completed copy of [Request to Display Official Identification or Grade Labels](#) form (DA-166 form, See Exhibit 6) identifying the specific piece of equipment, utensil, or descriptive or promotional materials upon which the official identification is to be displayed. For a new Applicant, this form may be submitted concurrently with the DA-155 form.

G. Accepted Meat and Poultry Equipment Listing

Any model of equipment or utensil which has successfully completed the review and evaluation process and has been demonstrated to comply with the criteria of the appropriate standards will be included in the Accepted Meat and Poultry Equipment Listing. The listing will be published semi-annually and available on the USDA DGB web page (<https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/auditing/equipment>).

H. Validation of Prior Acceptance

An applicant who has any model of equipment or utensil which has successfully completed the review and evaluation process, and is published in the Accepted Meat and Poultry Equipment Listing is required to re-validate its acceptance every four years.

If during the 4-year period, any changes are made to the design, materials of construction, or fabrication of the equipment, all changes shall be submitted with [Request to Validate Prior Meat and Poultry Equipment Acceptance](#) form (See Exhibit 7) to the USDA DGB for review and comment. If the design changes do not affect the status of the accepted equipment, the acceptance will continue without interruption. It is the applicant's responsibility to notify the USDA-DGB if they wish to renew their certificates after the 4-year period has expired.

I. Resolution of Reports of Noncompliance

When a question arises as to whether a piece of USDA Accepted equipment or utensil complies, a user, fabricator, or other interested party may submit a letter of complaint to the Chief of the Dairy Grading Branch via mail or e-mail at:

USDA AMS Dairy Program, Grading and Standards Division
Room 2530-South Building
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20250-0230
Phone: 630-437-5045

Email: dairyequipmentreview@usda.gov

The letter or e-mail should contain the following:

1. The party making the complaint
2. The address and phone number of the complainant
3. The name or type of equipment or utensil in question
4. Where the equipment or utensil is located
5. The equipment or utensil manufacturer
6. The model number and serial number (if known)
7. The specific reason(s) for suspecting noncompliance (reference the standard if known)

Examples: Improper finish on product contact surfaces, piano-style hinge on cover, tack welds on exterior surfaces, or unacceptable materials used for construction.
(Noncompliance is not limited to the above examples.)

The DGB Equipment Review Staff will act in an expeditious manner to determine the validity of the complaint, and if it is determined to be valid, who is the responsible party.

J. Equipment Manufacturer Responsibilities

If the equipment manufacturer is determined to be the responsible party and they agree to correct the noncompliance issue, they are to submit an [Equipment Review Request](#) (See Exhibit 1) to initiate a USDA review of the corrective actions. The DGB will then determine with the manufacturer a mutually agreeable time in which to correct the noncompliance of the identified piece of equipment and, if necessary, of all like items in the marketplace with the same deficiency. While the corrections are being made, the USDA Acceptance will continue uninterrupted. Additionally, the manufacturers will provide documentation on their quality control procedures to assure that the noncompliance will not recur.

If the equipment manufacturer is determined to be the responsible party and they decide not to correct the noncompliance, they will be notified that the USDA Acceptance for the equipment is withdrawn. Notification of the withdrawal of USDA Acceptance will be provided to the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), State regulatory officials, and appropriate Trade Associations.

The manufacturer is responsible for all costs associated with evaluation of the resolution of the noncompliance.

K. Equipment User Responsibilities

If the equipment user is determined to be the responsible party and they agree to correct the noncompliance, they are to submit an [Equipment Review Request](#) (See Exhibit 1) to initiate a USDA review of the corrective actions. The DGB will determine with the user a mutually agreeable time in which to correct the noncompliance. While the corrections are being made, the USDA Acceptance will continue uninterrupted.

If the equipment user is determined to be the responsible party and they decide not to correct the nonconformance, they will be notified that the USDA Acceptance for their specific piece of equipment is withdrawn. Notification of the withdrawal of USDA Acceptance will be provided to the FSIS, State regulatory officials, appropriate Trade Associations, and the equipment manufacturer.

The user is responsible for all costs associated with evaluation of the resolution of the noncompliance.

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EQUIPMENT REVIEW REQUEST

Applicant (Name and Address) 		Party Responsible for Payment if other than Applicant (Name and Address) Confirmation Required (Letter or Fax) Received ☐		Equipment Located at (Name and Address) 	
Website 					
Tax Identification No. (TIN) 		Tax Identification No. (TIN) 		Inspection Date(s) Requested: 	
Contact 		Contact 		Contact 	
Telephone 		Telephone 		Telephone 	
Fax 		Fax 		Fax 	
Type of Equipment: ☐ Dairy ☐ Livestock and Poultry					
Signature of Applicant 		Date 		Email 	
☐ Domestic Inspection: A minimum of seven (7) working days notification is required to insure specialists have ample time to make arrangements for the trip. If specialists are unavailable, the next available date acceptable to all parties will be assigned.					
☐ Foreign Inspection: A minimum of thirty (30) working days advance notice is required for any foreign travel. The 30 days will start from the date this request form is received by the Dairy Grading Branch. If specialists are unavailable, the next available date acceptable to all parties will be assigned.					
Hotel accommodations (USDA Dairy must pay): Does the Hotel accept Visa credit cards: ☐ Yes ☐ No Best mode of transportation from airport (train, taxi, company pickup...): 					
If not submitting electronically, mail or fax this form to the address below Dairy Equipment Review, and Livestock and Poultry Equipment Review Address: USDA/AMS/DAIRY PROGRAM Dairy Grading Branch Equipment Review 650 E. Diehl Rd. Suite 100 Naperville, IL 60563 Tel: 630-437-5045 dairyequipmentreview@usda.gov					
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Date Received:		Specialist Assigned:			
Date Assigned:		Project Number (s):			

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APPLICANT <i>(Name and Address)</i>	CONTACT	DATE: _____ FEE: _____
	PROJECT NUMBER(S)	EXPENSE: _____ TOTAL: _____
	EQUIPMENT INSPECTED AT <i>(Name and Address)</i>	EQUIPMENT TYPE
		MODEL NO: _____ SERIAL NO: _____ USDA INSPECTOR: _____
APPLICANT: Please provide a copy of this document to your Accounting Department. USDA billing will be at a later date and will reference this document number.		

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MARKETING AND REGULATORY PROGRAM
AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE**

EQUIPMENT ACCEPTANCE CERTIFICATE

Firm:

Model Designation:

Date of Issuance

Date of Expiration

U.S. Department of Agriculture
Marketing and Regulatory Program
Agricultural Marketing Service
Dairy Grading Branch
1400 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, DC 20250-0230

The issuance of this form is based on U.S. Department of Agriculture, Dairy Grading Branch, Equipment Design Review Section, evaluation of the equipment listed above for compliance with:

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APPLICATION TO USE OFFICIAL IDENTIFICATION OR GRADE LABELS

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USDA official identification or grade labels may not be used unless a completed application has been received and approved.

Application is hereby made, in accordance with the provisions of the appropriate sections of the Regulations Governing the Inspection and Grading of Manufactured or Processed Dairy Products (7 CFR, Ch. I, Part 58, Subpart A), or the Regulations Governing the Certification of Sanitary Design and Fabrication of Equipment Used in the Slaughter, Processing, and Packaging of Livestock and Poultry Products (7 CFR, Ch. I, Part 54, Subpart C), for the privilege of using official identification or grade labels on product packaging materials, equipment, utensils, or descriptive or promotional materials.

In requesting this privilege, the applicant (listed below) agrees to conform to the aforesaid regulations and such instructions as may be issued by the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service covering inspection, grading and evaluation of products, packaging materials, equipment, utensils, or descriptive or promotional materials. The applicant further agrees to furnish copies of the official identification or grade labels at no cost to the Government.

The applicant further agrees not to offer for sale or publicly display any inspected, graded or evaluated product in packaging materials, equipment, utensils, descriptive or promotional materials bearing official identification or grade label under a trade name other than that of the applicant unless such trade name is submitted, together with the proper address, to the Administrator at the time approval is requested of the official identification or grade label to be used.

In the event the privilege to use official identification or grade labels on product packaging materials, equipment, utensils, or descriptive or promotional materials is withdrawn in accordance with the appropriate provisions of the aforesaid regulations, the applicant agrees to promptly place under the jurisdiction and control of a USDA licensed grader or design review specialist all packaging materials, descriptive or promotional materials, and other supplies bearing printed reference to the inspected, graded or evaluated character of the products, equipment, or utensils for such subsequent use by the applicant as may be approved by the Administrator.

Name, Address and Plant No. (if applicable) of Applicant:

If submitting electronically, please sign and mail or fax a copy of this form to:

Grade Label Coordinator
 USDA/AMS/Dairy Programs
 Dairy Grading Branch
 Room 2746-S MS 0230
 1400 Independence Ave. SW
 Washington, DC 20250-0230
 Tel: 202-720-3171
 Fax: 202-720-2643

Email Address:

Name and Title of Applicant Representative (Print or Type):

Applicant Representative Signature:

Date:

Approval By Chief, Dairy Grading Branch:

Date:

Control Number:

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REQUEST TO DISPLAY OFFICIAL IDENTIFICATION OR GRADE LABELS

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USDA official identification or grade labels may not be used unless a completed application has been received and approved.

Application is hereby made, in accordance with the provisions of the appropriate sections of the Regulations Governing the Inspection and Grading of Manufactured or Processed Dairy Products (7 CFR, Ch. I, Part 58, Subpart A), or the Regulations Governing the Certification of Sanitary Design and Fabrication of Equipment Used in the Slaughter, Processing, and Packaging of Livestock and Poultry Products (7 CFR, Ch. I, Part 54, Subpart C), for the privilege of displaying official identification or grade labels on the following product packaging materials, equipment, utensils, or descriptive or promotional materials. The applicant (listed below) affirms compliance to the aforesaid regulations and such instructions as may be issued by the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service covering inspection, grading and evaluation of products, packaging materials, equipment, utensils, or descriptive or promotional materials, and attests that an approved Application To Use Official Identification or Grade Labels, Form DA-155 is on file with Dairy Programs.

Three copies of the product packaging materials, or descriptive or promotional materials displaying the official identification or grade label are attached or, if this request has been faxed for review, are being mailed under separate cover.

Product packaging materials, equipment, utensils, or descriptive or promotional materials to display official identification or grade label (Brand name, item description, etc.):	Distributor if different from Applicant:
1. _____	_____
2. _____	_____
3. _____	_____
4. _____	_____
5. _____	_____

Name, Address and Plant No. (if applicable) of Applicant:	Send this form and attached materials to:	
	Grade Label Coordinator USDA/AMS/Dairy Programs Dairy Grading Branch Room 2746-S MS 0230 1400 Independence Ave. SW Washington, DC 20250-0230 Tel: 202-720-3171 Fax: 202-720-2643	
Email Address:		
Name and Title of Applicant Representative (Print or Type):	Telephone:	Fax:
Applicant Representative Signature: _____	Date:	

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REQUEST TO VALIDATE A PRIOR MEAT AND POULTRY EQUIPMENT ACCEPTANCE

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Application is hereby made, in accordance with the provisions of the appropriate sections of the Regulations Governing the Inspection and Grading of Manufactured or Processed Dairy Products (7 CFR, Ch. I, Part 58, Subpart A), or the Regulations Governing the Certification of Sanitary Design and Fabrication of Equipment Used in the Slaughter, Processing, and Packaging of Livestock and Poultry Products (7 CFR, Ch. I, Part 54, Subpart C), for validation of a prior meat and poultry equipment acceptance. The applicant (listed below) certifies to the statements made below and affirms compliance to the aforesaid regulations and such instructions as may be issued by the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service covering evaluation and certification of equipment or utensils by the Dairy Programs.

Name and Address of Applicant:		Equipment or Utensil:	
E-mail Address:			
Telephone No:		Project Number:	
Fax No:		Date of Prior Acceptance:	
☐ I certify that the design, materials of construction, and fabrication of the above referenced equipment or utensil has not been modified, changed, or revised and remains the same as previously reviewed and accepted by the Dairy Grading Branch.			
☐ I certify that the design, materials of construction, or fabrication of the above referenced equipment or utensil has been modified and that all modifications, changes, or revisions to the design, materials of construction, or fabrication are submitted for evaluation in the attached engineering drawings or listing of materials. I further acknowledge that if the submitted information is not evaluated before the expiration date of my equipment or utensil that the accepted listing will be deleted until completion of the evaluation.			
☐ I request that our listing for acceptance of the above referenced equipment or utensil be deleted.			
Signature of Applicant President/CEO:		Signature of Applicant Director of Engineering:	Date:
Dairy Grading Branch Concurrence:		Date:	

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