

USDA Accredited Field Inspection Program (AFIP) Specified Program Requirements - Appendix C

1 Purpose

This document sets forth the specified program requirements of the USDA Accredited Field Inspection Program (AFIP). It also provides the requirements for the objective evaluation of a program submitted for accreditation and monitored by the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), Science and Technology (S&T), Seed Regulatory and Testing Division (SRTD).

The specified program requirements of the USDA AFIP must be met through an approved USDA Process Verified Program. The requirements of the USDA Process Verified Program are defined in *S&T 1001 Procedure, Process Verified Program*. The USDA Process Verified Program ensures that the requirements of the USDA AFIP are supported by a documented quality management system.

The USDA AFIP is a voluntary, user-fee service available to field inspecting entities or individuals. Accredited field inspectors, as listed on the *Official Listing of Accredited USDA Process Verified Programs for Seed*, may represent themselves as a USDA Process Verified, USDA Accredited Field Inspector.

2 Scope

The USDA AFIP applies to field inspectors seeking accreditation under this Program.

3 Specified Program Requirements

- 3.1 Accredited field inspectors must inspect fields in accordance with US OECD *Seed Schemes Procedures Guide* if the seed is to qualify for OECD shipment.
- 3.2 A portion of the fields entered for official certification for OECD shall be check-inspected by official field inspectors. That portion shall be at least 5 percent.
- 3.3 Accredited field inspectors are audited to determine expertise and implementation during actual field inspections.



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