

**INCLUDING A FOREIGN MATERIAL STATEMENT ON FGIS 921-2 FOR
SOYBEAN SHIPMENTS TO CHINA**

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1. PURPOSE

This directive transmits instructions for placing a notation in the “Remarks” section of FGIS 921-2 (Inspection Report-Insects in Grain) for soybean shipments to China.

2. REPLACEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

This is a new directive.

3. AUTHORITY

The United States and China agreed to implement a systems approach for U.S. soybeans exported to China. This approach includes all participants in the supply chain from the farms and export terminals in the United States and ports of entry in China. The systems approach includes best agricultural practices, such as weed control and cleaning at the farm; USDA soybean sampling and analysis for foreign material; and phytosanitary inspection and certification at the export terminal. This systems approach is effective on January 1, 2018.

4. POLICY

- a. This policy applies to both vessels and containerized lots of soybeans.
- b. Unless specifically stated otherwise on the load order, sampling and foreign material analysis of soybeans are conducted according to the regulations and instructions.
- c. Depending on the certificate result, include one of the following statements in the “Remarks” section of FGIS 921-2 (Inspection Report-Insects in Grain):
 1. If foreign material content exceeds 1.0% - “This consignment exceeds 1% FM.”
 2. If foreign material is less than or equal to 1.0% - “This consignment is less than or equal to 1% FM.”
- d. This policy is effective beginning January 1, 2018, for all soybean shipments to China, P.R.C. (Mainland).

Note: Shipments completed after 12:00am on January 1, 2018, are subject to this policy.

5. QUESTIONS

Please direct any questions regarding this Directive to the Policies, Procedures, and Market Analysis Branch at (202) 720-0228.