



Agricultural Marketing Service

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Federal Grain Inspection Service  
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# FGIS Instruction Updates

- Phase 1 started October 2024 (FY25)
- Phase 2 will begin October 2025 (FY26)
- Provides OAs and Industry
  - ✓ Transparency in what is being reviewed
  - ✓ Opportunities to provide feedback, suggestions, and
  - ✓ comments during the review period (draft period)
- PPMAB has begun hosting calls with FGIS staff and official agencies to review instruction updates and answer questions directly from official service providers.
- Discussing plan to post draft versions for public comment period prior to issuance





# FY 2025 FGIS Instruction Review Plan Schedule

- The FY 2025 Review Plan schedule can be found on our website under the Advisory Committee '**October 2024 Past Meeting Materials**'.
- The FY 2026 Review Plan schedule will be released in October 2025 .
- We encourage reviewing the posted schedule so that industry and official agencies may provide input that is timely with the review schedule.





# FGIS Issuances – FY 2025

## ***Handbooks***

- Near Infrared Transmittance (NIRT) Handbook (10/01/2024)

## ***Directives***

- FGIS 9170.12 – Furnishing Official Samples (05/12/2025)
- FGIS 9180.61 – Official Moisture Calibrations For Unified Grain Moisture Algorithm (UGMA) Compatible Meters (5/01/2025)
- FGIS 9060.2 – Implementation of the FGIS-FDA Memorandum of Understanding (03/31/2025)
- FGIS 9120.1 – The Collection and Use of Wheat Variety Type Samples (03/14/2025)
- FGIS 9180.74 – Service Fees and Billing Codes (10/01/2024)



# FGIS Issuances – FY 2025 (cont.)

## *Program Notices*

- FGIS-PN-25-02 Chickpea/Garbanzo Bean Certification Factor Update (03/13/2025)
- FGIS-PN-25-01 Chickpea/Garbanzo Sizing and Seed Count Certificate Update (10/31/2024)

## *Policy Bulletins*

- # 293 88-hour Rule Waiver Requests for Ship lots, Unit Trains, and Containers (05/19/2025)



# Upcoming Issuance Highlights

- Grain Inspection Handbook, Book II Grading (All Chapters) – *Draft Complete*
- Grain Inspection Handbook, Book I Sampling (All Chapters) – *Under Review*
- Equipment Handbook – *Under Review (Full Review with Lab Scale Updates)*
- Weighing Handbook – *Under Review*
- Rice Inspection Handbook – *Under Review (Potential Standards Updates)*
- Sanitation and Food Defense Handbook – *Under Review*
- *New* Licensing Handbook – *Under Construction (4 of 5 chapters complete)*
- *New* Non-standardized Grain and Miscellaneous Commodities Inspection Handbook – *Under Construction*
- *New* Container Inspection Handbook – *Under Construction*



# Container Inspection Handbook Project

## Held Kick-Off Meeting

- Official Agency Participation.
- Brainstorm session.
- List of container inspection and weighing instructions and topics.

## Next steps

- Outline, format type, and readability.
- Follow up meeting.



## FDA-FGIS MOU/Directive



- Updated Directive 9060.2 – Implementation of the FGIS-FDA Memorandum of Understanding issued 3/31/2025 after 10-day public review and comment period:
  - ✓ Minor cleaning steps permitted for certain factors (e.g., large animal excreta in wheat).
  - ✓ Removal of criteria where no FDA Compliance Guide (CPG) exists (e.g., Infested Rice).
  - ✓ Updated contact info for FDA based on declaration of intended use (i.e., human consumption or animal feed).
  - ✓ General reorganization of information to enhance readability.





# Laboratory Scales and Weights

- GIAC resolution to adopt ASTM series 4 or better weights.
- Simplify testing procedure – less weights and data points required.
- Justify continued use of expanded resolution if scale passes check-test (test scales to readability).
- Update instructions (Equipment Handbook Chapter 2, Grain Scales).
- Requires updates to 7 CFR 802 (Proposed Rule).





## Laboratory Scales and Weights

### Next Steps

- Proposed rule to reference 2025 version of NIST Handbook 44 and 2019 version of NIST Handbook 105-1 (replacing the 2008 version of Handbook 44 & 1990 version of Handbook 105-1).
- Update Equipment Handbook, Chapter 2 Grain Scales to reflect newly adopted weights and testing procedure.
- Update *FGISonline* Equipment Capability Testing (ECT) program.



## APHIS-FGIS MOU



- FGIS, GIAC, and APHIS met on 1/14/2025 to discuss GIAC's proposal to have unofficial third parties perform phytosanitary inspections in emergency circumstances where FGIS can't perform the service.
- APHIS communicated they have other alternatives in place to provide phytosanitary inspection services to shippers in the event FGIS is unable to meet its obligations under the MOU.
- APHIS recommended shippers and industry contact them directly to discuss phytosanitary inspection concerns or proposals instead of going through GIAC or FGIS.