

Grain Inspection
Advisory Committee
Meeting August 14-16
2019 Kansas City, MO

Recommendations to the United States Secretary of Agriculture

Committee Members present include: John Lindgren, Brent Turnipseed, Ryan Kuhl, Bruce Sutherland, John Morgan, Chad Becnel, Mark Watne, Randy Burns, Rick Robinette, David Ayers, Tom Tunnel, Todd Russom (alternate for Chad Chambers), Sarah Sexton-Bowser (Secretary), Matthew Kerrigan (Vice Chair), and Linsey Moffit-Tobin (Chair) dated August 30th, 2019

Hemp Rulemaking

1. Establish a GIAC subcommittee to review the need for and scope of establishing grading standards or guidance for hemp oil and seed, and other ideotypes and uses with commercial need for standards. The subcommittee will work in conjunction with staff and report findings and recommendations at the 2020 spring meeting.

13 in Favor

2 Nay



Lengthen Terms of Service for GIAC Members

2. The GIAC recommends that the 2020 reauthorization of the U.S. Grain Standards Act establishes a 5-year term of service for GIAC members with the utilization of shorter terms to stagger appointments. This process of appointing members serves to strengthen commitments of service, establish continuity, foster collaboration and encourage cohesiveness of the committee. Members are eligible to serve multiple but not successive terms. If the reauthorization of the 2020 USGSA extends the terms of service for GIAC members, the committee recommends that the Secretary extend current GIAC member terms according to this policy.

14 in favor

1 nay



Nonuse of Service Exception

3. The GIAC Committee recommends implementation of the *non-use of service exception* be executed in a manner that is transparent, consistent, and non-subjective. Further, the committee supports the FGIS's plan to conduct an advanced notice of proposed rulemaking on exceptions in order to provide a transparent process for *non-use of service exceptions*.

14 in Favor

1 Nay



FGIS-FDA Memorandum of Understanding Update

4. The GIAC recommends the FGIS work with FDA to update their MOU to define a timeline (the shorter the better) to address actionable items referred to them by FGIS, and have clarification on the discrepancy and potential remediation solutions, whether from the FGIS, FDA, or the party involved.

15 in favor

0 nay



Review of Geographic Boundaries

5. The GIAC committee recommends a comprehensive survey of the market and scope of service needs in each boundary for official grain inspection services and the number of the official agencies. Since FGIS was created in 1976, there have been significant changes in the number and operations of both grain handling facilities and officially designated inspection agencies; the amount of grain and oilseeds handled and processed within each geographic boundary; and the number of quality attributes and other quality tests conducted by these agencies. The Advisory Committee believes these changes in the domestic marketplace, necessitate that FGIS comprehensively update information and data upon which the geographic boundaries are based.

FGIS can make recommendations, if necessary, to modify the boundaries based upon the comprehensively updated information and data gathered through the review in order to provide more reliable, uninterrupted, consistent and cost-effective service to grain handling facilities.

14 in Favor

1 Nay



Motion(s) which Failed

1. The GIAC Committee recommends implementation of the non-use of service exception be executed in a manner that is transparent, consistent and non-subjective. The GIAC committee recommends that the FGIS maintain transparency and utilize pre-2017 factors when considering requests from grain elevators prior to the completion of a more detailed exceptions policy. Further,

the committee supports the agency's plan to conduct an advanced notice of proposed rulemaking on exceptions in order to provide a transparent process for non-use of service exceptions.

8 Nays

5 in Favor

2 Abstain

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