



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

1 Purpose

This document sets forth the specified program requirements of the USA 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), Livestock and Seed (LS) Program, Audit, Review, and Compliance (ARC) Branch.

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

The USA 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, USA Accredited Field Inspector.

2 Scope

The USA 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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