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CHICKPEA/GARBANZO BEAN CERTIFICATION FACTOR UPDATE

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1. PURPOSE

This notice announces changes to certification procedures for Chickpeas/Garbanzo Beans and amends the data collection requirements of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), Federal Grain Inspection Service (FGIS), Inspection Data Warehouse (IDW).

2. BACKGROUND

FGIS will be updating multiple factors in the Agricultural Product Standards (APS) for the certification of Chickpeas/Garbanzo Beans. These factor updates include generating needed factors, removing unnecessary factors, and removing multiple names used to represent the same factor result. These changes are necessary for providing uniform results and generating reports when searching information for a single factor (i.e., Damaged Beans) instead of performing multiple searches for a single factor with multiple names (i.e., Total Damage, Damaged Kernels Total, Damage). These changes will help customers better understand inspection criteria and results.

3. EFFECTIVE DATE

This program notice is effective April 13, 2025. Any third-party software used must be updated by the effective date.

4. POLICY

Chickpeas have been updated in APS to **add** the following factor(s):

<i>Abbreviation:</i>	<i>Name:</i>	<i>Display Amount:</i>
IGCP	Immature, Green Chickpeas	Nearest Tenth Percent

Garbanzo Beans have been updated in APS to **add** the following factor(s):

<i>Abbreviation:</i>	<i>Name:</i>	<i>Display Amount:</i>
IGGB	Immature, Green Garbanzo Beans	Nearest Tenth Percent

Chickpeas and Garbanzo Beans have been updated in APS to **add** the following factor(s):

<i>Abbreviations:</i>	<i>Name:</i>	<i>Display Amount:</i>
ON24R	Beans Remaining on 24/64 Inch Round Hole Sieve	Nearest Tenth Percent
SPO24	Seeds Per Ounce on 24/64 Round Hole Sieve	Count and N/A
ON6MM	Beans Passing Thru 7 and remaining on 6 Millimeter Round Hole Sieve	Nearest Tenth Percent

ON7MM	Beans Passing Thru 8 and remaining on 7 Millimeter Round Hole Sieve	Nearest Tenth Percent
ON8MM	Beans Passing Thru 9 and/or remaining on 8 Millimeter Round Hole Sieve	Nearest Tenth Percent
ON9MM	Beans Remaining on 9 Millimeter Round Hole Sieve	Nearest Tenth Percent
ON10M	Beans Remaining on 10 Millimeter Round Hole Sieve	Nearest Tenth Percent
SPO6	Seeds Per Ounce on 6 Round Hole Sieve	Count or N/A
SPO7	Seeds Per Ounce on 7 Round Hole Sieve	Count or N/A
SPO8	Seeds Per Ounce on 8 Round Hole Sieve	Count
SPO9	Seeds Per Ounce on 9 Round Hole Sieve	Count
SPO10	Seeds Per Ounce on 10 Round Hole Sieve	Count or N/A

Chickpeas and Garbanzo Beans have been updated in APS to **remove** the following factor(s):

<i>Abbreviation:</i>	<i>Name:</i>	<i>Replacement:</i>
BLW	Blistered and Wrinkled Beans	
CTB	Classes That Blend	
DEF	Defects	TDEF
DKG	Dockage	TDKG
DKT	Damaged Kernels Total	DB
DMG	Damage	DB
FIM	Fine Inert Material	
GREN	Green Damage	IGGB or IGCP
OM	Other Material	OMD
S9S	Passing Thru 9/64 Inch Slotted Hole Sieve	
S18R	Passing Thru 18/64 Inch Round Hole Sieve	
S20R	Passing Thru 20/64 Inch Round Hole Sieve	

SMB	Small Beans	SBD
SPDK	Splits in Dockage	SDKG
TDMG	Total Damaged	DB

5. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The information below is provided to assist in the replacement of factor results in accordance with APS.

<i>Abbreviation:</i>	<i>Name:</i>	<i>Display Amount:</i>
DB	Damaged Beans	Nearest Tenth %
OMD	Other Material in Dockage	Nearest Tenth %
SBD	Small Beans in Dockage	Nearest Tenth %
SDKG	Splits in Dockage	Nearest Tenth %
TDEF	Total Defects	Nearest Tenth %
TDKG	Total Dockage	Nearest Tenth %

6. QUESTIONS

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