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**TO: FGIS POLICY BULLETIN BOARD**

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**SUBJECT: Reporting Fertilizer in Grain to FDA**

**ORIGINATING OFFICE: Policies and Procedures Branch**

Directive 9060.2 outlines the guidelines for reporting actionable lots to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) according to the established memorandum of understanding.

Recently, questions have surfaced regarding the reporting requirements for fertilizer [considered an unknown foreign substance] in grain. This specific condition is not included in the directive.

We contacted FDA for clarification on this issue. The response was non-specific. Consequently, it does not appear that FDA has an established tolerance for fertilizer in grain.

Do not report fertilizer in grain to FDA since this condition is not specifically addressed in the directive. We will continue to discuss this issue with FDA to determine if and what the tolerance should be. We will update the directive when a definitive tolerance is established.

Please advise your official agencies of this policy. Direct any questions regarding this policy to the Policies and Procedures Branch at (202) 720-0252.