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Grain Inspection,
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TO: FGIS POLICY

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FROM: John Giler, Director /s/ **John C. Giler**
Field Management Division

SUBJECT: Additional Qualified Laboratories

ORIGINATING OFFICE: Policies and Procedures Branch

BACKGROUND:

Regulations under the United States Grain Standards Act (USGSA), §802.1, Qualified laboratories, provides for the approval of metrology laboratories to test weights used under the jurisdiction of GIPSA.

The weights are primarily Class F weights at field offices, agencies, and weights owned by grain handling facilities. All of these weights must be tested each three years by a State metrology laboratory or the GIPSA Master Scale Depot, the field Test Weight Reverification Program, or headquarters metrology laboratory.

Antibus Scales & Systems maintains a commercial industrial laboratory involved in the business of sealing and calibrating test weights (standards). They have met the requirements for GIPSA approval under §802.1, and requested our approval.

POLICY:

Antibus Scales & Systems, 4809 Illinois Road, Fort Wayne, Indiana, 46804-1194, is approved to perform tolerance testing of 25, 50, 500, and 1,000 pound weights used within GIPSA's grain programs, including weights used in testing scales under our jurisdiction.

Reports of Test from Antibus Scales & Systems for new or older weights shall be acceptable as verification that the weights meet Class F tolerances and specifications.

The laboratory shall remain approved at GIPSA's discretion, provided it maintains its site in a manner prescribed by GIPSA, the State of Indiana, and the American Association for Laboratory Accreditation.