

**Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA**

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the meat can be identified in conformance with the standards.

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**§ 54.14 Official certificates.**

(a) Agricultural Products Certificate Form LS-5-3 (Figure 1) is the official certificate for products under the regulations. The official grader shall prepare, sign, and issue an Agricultural Products Certificate Form LS-5-3 covering products for which that grader

determined final specification compliance. Where weight or count is verified, the grader shall initial in the block titled "Weights and Total Count Verified."

(b) Applicant Charges Certificate Form LS-5-5 (Figure 2) will be used to reduce paperwork for applicants assigned multiple graders. Assigned graders will complete one Form LS-5-5. Each grader will enter their code letters and signature in the appropriate location(s) to indicate certificate completion.

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**AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS CERTIFICATE**

This certificate is required by all parties who are engaged in the buying or selling of any agricultural products in interstate or foreign commerce. It is required by the United States Department of Agriculture. This certificate is subject to the terms and conditions of the Agricultural Marketing Service. The certificate is subject to the terms and conditions of the Agricultural Marketing Service. The certificate is subject to the terms and conditions of the Agricultural Marketing Service.

**DESCRIPTION OF PRODUCT:**  ASSECTIC  INSPECTED  CONTRACT NUMBER:  SPECIFICATION:

**CERTIFICATE NUMBER:** A-0011913-1

**WEEK BEGINNING DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICANT INFORMATION:** \_\_\_\_\_

**LABORATORY RESULTS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**RECEIVED DATE OR TERMINAL DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**REMARKS:**

CHARGES	SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY		TOTAL
	GRAD	CERT	GRAD	CERT	GRAD	CERT	GRAD	CERT	GRAD	CERT	GRAD	CERT	GRAD	CERT	
BASE															
PREMIUM															
HOLIDAY															
LABORATORY FEE															
PER DIEM															
MILES															
TOTAL OTHER															
	27	\$		\$		\$		\$		\$		\$		\$	

**CERTIFICATION STATEMENT:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SIGNATURE OF GRADER:** \_\_\_\_\_

**WEIGHTS AND TOTAL COUNT VERIFIED (AMAR):** \_\_\_\_\_

Figure 1. Agricultural products certificate.

Figure 2. Applicant charges.

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**APPLICANT CHARGES**

This certificate is receivable by all officers and all courts of the United States as prima facie evidence of the truth of the statements therein contained. (This certificate does not excuse failure to comply with any of the regulatory laws enforced by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.)  
The conduct of all services and the financing of grading personnel under the regulations governing such services shall be accomplished without discrimination as to race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.



WEEK BEGINNING DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

DOCUMENT NO: **C-0012007-1**

APPLICANT INFORMATION NO. 4 4 \_\_\_\_\_

NAME, CITY, STATE \_\_\_\_\_

	SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY		TOTAL	
	GRAD	CERT	GRAD	CERT	GRAD	CERT	GRAD	CERT	GRAD	CERT	GRAD	CERT	GRAD	CERT	GRAD	CERT
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BASE																
PREMIUM																
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LAB FEE	\$		\$		\$		\$		\$		\$		\$		\$	
PER DIEM	\$		\$		\$		\$		\$		\$		\$		\$	
MILES																
TOTAL OTHER	\$		\$		\$		\$		\$		\$		\$		\$	
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TOTAL OTHER	\$		\$		\$		\$		\$		\$		\$		\$	
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(c) *Distribution.* The original certificate, and not to exceed two copies, shall be delivered or mailed to the applicant or other person designated by

him. The remaining copies shall be forwarded as required by agency, division, and branch instructions. Additional copies will be furnished to any person

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financially interested in the products involved with the concurrence of the applicant and upon payment of fees, as provided in § 54.27.

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**§ 54.15 Advance information concerning service rendered.**

Upon request of any applicant, all or any part of the contents of any certificate issued to him under the regulations, or other notification concerning the determination of class, grade, other quality, or compliance of products for such applicant may be transmitted by telegraph or telephone to him, or to any person designated by him, at his expense.

**§ 54.16 Marking of products.**

All products for which class and grade under the standards are determined under the regulations, or the immediate and shipping containers thereof, shall be stamped, branded, or otherwise marked with an appropriate official identification: *Provided*, That except as otherwise directed by the Chief, such marking will not be required when an applicant only desires official certificates. The marking of products, or their containers, as required by this section shall be done by official graders or under their immediate supervision.

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**§ 54.17 Official identifications.**

(a) A shield enclosing the letters "USDA" and code identification letters of the grader performing the service, as shown below, constitutes a form of official identification under the regulations for preliminary grade of carcasses.



Figure 1.

(b) A shield enclosing the letters "USDA" as shown in Figure 1 with the appropriate quality grade designation "Prime," "Choice," "Select," "Good," "Standard," "Commercial," "Utility," "Cutter," "Canner," or "Cull," as provided in the official United States Standards for Grades of Beef, Veal and Calf, Lamb, Yearling Mutton, and Mutton Carcasses and accompanied by the class designation "Bullock," "Veal," "Calf," "Lamb," "Yearling Mutton," or "Mutton," constitutes a form of official identification under the regulations to show the quality grade, and where necessary the class, undersaid standards, of steer, heifer, and cow beef, veal, calf, lamb, yearling mutton and mutton. The code identification letters of the grader performing the service will appear intermittently outside the shield.



Figure 2.

(c) A shield enclosing the letters "USDA" and the words "Yield Grade," as in Figure 1, with the appropriate yield grade designation "1," "2," "3," "4," or "5" as provided in the Official United States Standards for Grades of Fresh Beef Carcasses and the Official United States Standards for Grades of Lamb, Yearling Mutton, and Mutton Carcasses constitutes a form of official identification under the regulations to