

§ 62.100

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ADMINISTRATION

§ 62.100 Administrator.

The LS Program Deputy Administrator is charged with the administration of official assessments conducted according to the regulations in this part and approved LS Program QSVP procedures.

SERVICE

§ 62.200 Services.

QSVP, under this regulation, provide applicants, the ability to have USDA assess documented processes or systems.

(a) Assessment services provided under the regulations shall consist of:

(1) A review of the adequacy of an applicant's quality manual against LS Program QSVP procedures, internationally recognized guidelines, or other requirements as approved by the LS Program;

(2) An onsite assessment of the applicant's program to ensure implementation of provisions within the quality manual and the applicant's conformance with applicable program requirements and LS Program QSVP procedures; and

(3) A reassessment of the applicant's program to ensure continued implementation of provisions within the quality manual and the applicant's conformance with program requirements and applicable LS Program QSVP procedures;

(b) Developmental assistance in the form of training to explain LS Program QSVP procedures is available upon request.

§ 62.201 Availability of service.

QSVP services under these regulations are available to international and domestic government agencies, private agricultural businesses and any financially interested person.

§ 62.202 How to apply for service.

Applicants may apply for QSVP services by submitting the following information to the ARC Branch headquarters office at USDA, AMS, LSP,

ARC Branch, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., STOP 0294, Room 2627-S, Washington, DC 20250-0294; by fax to: (202) 690-1038, or e-mail to: *ARCBranch@usda.gov*.

(a) The original completed form LS-313, Application for Service;

(b) A letter requesting QSVP services; and

(c) A complete copy of the applicant's program documentation, as described in the LS Program QSVP procedures.

§ 62.203 How to withdraw service.

Service may be withdrawn by the applicant at any time; provided that, the applicant notifies the ARC Branch in writing of his/her desire to withdraw the application for service and pays any expenses the Department has incurred in connection with such application.

§ 62.204 Authority to request service.

Any person requesting service may be required to prove his/her financial interest in the product or service at the discretion of the Deputy Administrator.

§ 62.205 Conflict of interest.

No USDA official shall review any program documentation or determine conformance of any documented process or system in which the USDA official has financial holdings.

§ 62.206 Access to program documents and activities.

(a) The applicant shall make its products and program documentation available and easily accessible for assessment, with respect to the requested service. Auditors and other USDA officials responsible for maintaining uniformity and accuracy of service under the regulations shall have access to all parts of facilities covered by approved applications for service under the regulations, during normal business hours or during periods of production, for the purpose of evaluating products or processes. This includes products in facilities which have been or are to be examined for program conformance or which