



MEMO

TO: Market Participants

FROM: Layne G. Carlson, Secretary

DATE: May 18, 2021

SUBJECT: Public Comment on Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA's United States Standards for Wheat

On April 20, 2021, the USDA's AMS published a notice in the Federal Register seeking comments regarding the United States Standards for Wheat under the United States Grain Standards Act ("USGSA").¹

The USDA has developed strict procedures to measure the quality of wheat.² The U.S. Standards for Wheat were last updated in May 2014.³ MGEX encourages Market Participants and all other interested parties to submit individual comments on any aspect of the USGSA and official procedures including suggested changes or if the current wheat standards and grading procedures are still relevant. The public comment period for submitting individual letters ends July 19, 2021.⁴

If you have any questions, comments, or information directly pertinent to the Exchange regarding the standards, please contact Layne G. Carlson at lcarlson@mgex.com or 612-321-7169.

¹ Full text of the notice in the Federal Register can be found at the following link: <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2021-04-20/pdf/2021-08062.pdf>.

² Full text of grain grading procedures in the Grain Inspection Handbook, Book II, Chapter 13, "Wheat" can be found at the following link: <https://www.ams.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media/Book2.pdf>.

³ Full text of the Official United States Standards for Grain, Subpart M – United States Standard for Wheat can be found at the following link: <https://www.gipsa.usda.gov/fjis/standards/810wheat.pdf>.

⁴ All comments must be submitted through the Federal e-rulemaking portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>.