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QUALITY ASSURANCE WARNING LETTER ACTION REQUIRED

June 20, 2017

Brad Zarth
Mindak Scale, LLC
9628 Portal Dr
Eden Prairie MN 55347

Dear Brad:

During a quality assurance inspection on June 6, 2017 at CHS Ag Services, Drayton, North Dakota the following violations were found:

Scale Test

On March 10, 2017, you certified two hopper scales without using enough known test weight.

Scale 1:

Rice Lake, 60,000 x 20 lb., Class III, Indicator S/N 12549

This scale was tested using only 4000 lbs. of known test weight which is a violation of NIST Handbook 44 Section 2.20 Scales, Table 4. The required amount of known test weight for a 60,000 lb. hopper scale is 12.5% (7,500 lbs.).

Scale 2:

Rice Lake, 1,000 x .5 lb., Class III, Indicator S/N G21423

This scale was tested using only 200 lbs. of known test weights which is a violation of NIST Handbook 44 Section 2.20 Scales, Table 4. The required amount of known test weight for a 1,000 lb. hopper scale test is 300 lbs. and must be tested to 75% of scale capacity using a combination test.

Action Required: Scale Retest

No later than **July 21, 2017**, the two scales referenced above must be retested using acceptable testing procedures and the test reports submitted to the Commission.

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Sticker

The Tested & Approved sticker on the scale did not remain readable and unaffected by the elements as required by N.D. Admin. Code § 69-10-01-03. (copy of sticker enclosed)

Action Required: New Sticker

No later than August 21, 2017, a new sticker that meets all of the requirements of N.D. Admin. Code § 69-10-01-03 must be submitted to the Commission.

69-10-01-03. Sealing. A weighing or measuring device used in commerce must be certified and sealed. A security seal must be installed where applicable, to prevent adjustments to the calibration of the device. An adhesive sticker that is of sufficient quality that it remains readable and unaffected by the elements must be installed externally to show visual proof of certification. It is unlawful to remove, or allow to be removed, an official tag or seal without commission approval. Effective January 1, 1995, an adhesive sticker must contain the following information: name and telephone number of the commission or registered service company certifying the device, the words "tested and approved", and the month and year of certification.

One method that has worked well for the Tested & Approved sticker is a punch out month and year.

Reporting

On March 10, 2017, two deck scales in the chemical heated warehouse were tested. Although there is only one indicator for both scales, each scale was tested as an individual device. Based on the Scale Test Report Instructions sent to you in 2013, you are required to submit a separate test report for each scale.

Action Required: Reporting

In the future, you must submit one test report for each scale tested and approval sticker issued.

If you have any questions, please call me at 701-328-4097. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Konrad Crockford, Director
Compliance Division

Enclosure

This Scale Is Tested & Approved By

MINDAK SCALE

EDEN PRAIRIE, MN 55347

952 944-8916



Date Serviced by:

Date Serviced by:

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