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Ukraine Has Officially Adopted New Standard for Wheat

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Report Highlights:

Ukraine has adopted a new standard for wheat under which the number of categories for soft wheat has decreased from six to four.

On May 14, 2019 the [State Enterprise “Ukrainian Scientific Research and Training Center for Standardization, Certification and Quality Problems”](#) has published its Order #125 ([in Ukrainian](#)) that enacts Wheat standard DSTU 3768:2019, which would replace the old standard DSTU 3768:2010. The new standard was approved to become effective August 1, 2019.

The most significant change in the new standard is number of categories for soft wheat, which was decreased down to four from the initial six categories that existed in the current standard.

According to the information available to FAS Kyiv, the new quality standard for soft wheat includes the following basic parameters:

Parameter	Norm in Accordance to the Category			
	1	2	3	4
Test Weight per liter, grams, above	775	750	730	Not Set
Moisture Content, %, below	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0
Damaged Kernels, %, below	5.0	8.0	8.0	15.0
Foreign Material, %, below	1.0	2.0	2.0	3.0
Protein, %, above	14.0	12.5	11.0	Not Set
Gluten, %, above	28.0	23.0	18.0	Not Set
Falling Number, seconds, above	220	220	180	Not Set

According to grain the industry representatives, introduction of a new standard one month after the beginning of the marketing year (starts July) could create issues with correct and accurate accounting of wheat delivery to silos following harvest. Grain would be received according to the old standard and dispatched according to the new one.

A recent statement from the Ministry of Agricultural Policy and Food of Ukraine ([in Ukrainian](#)) revised the implementation date for the new standard. It will now be effective starting June 10, 2019. This should mitigate the abovementioned concerns expressed by the grain industry.