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The National Grain Grading Commission (NGGC) was established by Government Ordinance no. 141/2002, art. 18(2), regarding the regulation of grain storage, Warehouse Receipts System and the implementation of the Indemnity Fund. NGGC appeared as an answer to the producer's needs, as the Commission is responsible for creating the mechanisms that are necessary to a fair evaluation of products and to a transparent and reliable market.

The Commission was officially set up and registered as a legal entity in 2003, and since its inception started to develop activities and initiatives according to its goals. The Grading Commission's role is to ensure a connection between producers, warehouses, processors, traders and the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, and its purpose is to create a functional agricultural market.

NGGC is a Romanian legal entity, a non - governmental organization with no financial purposes, meant to serve the general interest and having a public utility, with its own management and financing. NGGC has 50 members, representatives of the authorities (Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, National Sanitary Veterinary and Food Safety Authority), representatives of Romanian Standards Association and private associations involved in grain industry (farmers, storage companies, traders and processors). It is run by a Board of Directors and President elected from the Commission members. The Grading commission is responsible for the National Grading System management and it administers the inter-professional activities on the grain market. Grading is an activity that leads to the classification of grains (cereals, oleaginous and leguminous plants), based on quality classes and grades. Their segregation is being done by grain graders based on aspect, physical status or specific (chemical and technological) characteristics. The National Grain Grading System management implies several on-going activities:

Evaluating, training and licensing the grain graders. In order to train people all around the country, initially the Commission trained a limited number of persons as grain grading instructors. Those persons were delegated by professional associations, members of NGGC, and by major players in the grain market. Those instructors are periodically re-evaluated and trained. Any person attending the grain grading training program organized by NGGC or by any accredited instructor must prove that they have reached a relevant level of theoretical and practical knowledge and must pass a professional skills exam.

Elaborating the Grain Grading Handbook which is a set of norms based on National Standards in force used by grain graders to classify the batches of grain according with their quality. Changes on Grain Grading Manual are done on yearly bases, before harvesting campaign, after a public consultation of all bodies represented in the Commission. The changes are then submitted to the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development for formal approval.

Monitors the quantity and quality of grains that are received at all points of delivery based on monthly reports send by companies involved in grain grading. In this way the Commission established a complex national on-line database of companies, delivery points, grain graders and grading reports. In this way our main concern is to respect the confidentiality of information. The data are uploaded on-line in the database either directly from the delivery point by grain graders for that specific location, either by Commission personnel. The data are processed and different reports are generated: quantities of grain received or delivered from a delivery point per counties or on a national level, quantities of grain received or delivered based on their quality etc. The reports publicly available are posted on our web-page and refreshed on a daily bases.

Besides administering the National Grain Grading System a major activity of the Commission is to sustain and be very active in the standardization activity along with Romanian Standards Association. In this way through our efforts were adapted and renewed an important portfolio of standards for grain, processed products, analytical methods, food safety etc. based on International Standards and European Standards. Our goal is to renew and revised all the standards regarding grain sector.