

Alex Stewart Agriculture Ltd. – serving the grain trade market

Grain and oilseed inspection and analysis are core businesses of Alex Stewart Agriculture Ltd. Alex Stewart is a superintendent and analyst member of the Grain and Feed Trade Association (GAFTA).

Alex Stewart works with many leading grain traders by providing trustworthy professional inspection and laboratory services globally. In addition, ASA can arrange fumigation services in most areas of the world to ensure that its customers' cargoes are treated as with the greatest care. Upon nomination, Alex Stewart's mission is to protect customers' interests at loading and/or discharge ports worldwide. ASA is also able to provide collateral management services such as supervision of long term storage of grain or control of transportation between storage facilities.

The head office of Alex Stewart Agriculture Ltd in the UK also provides consultancy services. Strategically and commercially located operations offices offer support and advice regarding ports and silos worldwide and will provide information concerning the latest industry standards in sampling and analysis.

AGRICULTURAL LABORATORIES

Huson & Hardwick and A. Norman Tate Laboratories are GAFTA/FOSFA (Federation of Oils, Seeds and Fats Associations) registered analytical laboratories that specialize in the analysis of oilseed and edible oil, grain, barley, rye and wheat, animal feed, sugar and food products operate from Alex Stewart's head office in England. They are able to perform a full range of commercial and shipping sample including protein, fat, fibre, ash, moisture analysis via classical wet chemistry and hi-tech instrumentation including NIR (near infrared), ICP (inductively coupled plasma) and HPLC (high performance liquid chromatography); also infestation, foreign matter and admixture, hazardous contents, fuzarious grains, nutritional values, toxic contents (eg. arsenic, mercury & lead) mycotoxins and pesticides.

DRY BULK COMMODITIES CERTIFIED BY ALEX STEWART

Fertilizer

Alex Stewart Agriculture's highly experienced and knowledgeable inspection team has built a trusted reputation within the international fertilizer-trading arena. The fertilizer division offers first class inspection and analytical services for bulk, bagged and liquid fertilizer with the aim of protecting client's interests at production site, during transportation, or at store. ASA has fertilizer laboratories in the UK, Belgium, Ukraine, Russia, South Africa, China and India. Its offices in the UK, Belgium and the Ukraine are all members of the International Fertilizer Association.

Animal feed

The Alex Stewart Group provides a fully comprehensive package of inspection and analytical services. Its GAFTA/FOSFA-registered and approved laboratories strategically located around the world perform a full range of analysis for soya, oilseeds – sunflower and rape, and fish meal including infestation, foreign matter and admixture, hazardous contents, fuzarious grains, toxic contents (e.g. arsenic, mercury & lead) mycotoxins and pesticides.

Sample preparation.



Grain and wheat

Grain inspection and analysis is a core business of Alex Stewart Agriculture and is a superintendent and analyst member of the Grain And Feed Trade Association (GAFTA), working with many leading grain traders by providing monitoring, testing and consultancy services globally. In addition fumigation services can be offered as ASA works closely with fumigation companies to ensure that cargoes are loaded and stored in appropriate condition and quality is not affected during transportation. Grain inspection services also extend to provide collateral management services such as supervision of long-term storage of grain or control of transportation between storage facilities.

QUALITY INSPECTION SERVICES

Warehouse inventory control and collateral management: ASA can provide a diverse range of services, from stock audits and control procedures, to security advice and commodity/store condition surveys.

- ❖ **pre-shipment inspection and analysis:** the Alex Stewart inspection team will check that the customer's product is within specification and fit for the intended use.
- ❖ **quality control:** checking that cargo conforms to contractual specifications, checking cargo for signs of contamination, odour, colour change, moisture levels, friability, protesting/rejecting inferior cargo on sight, granule sizing, radioactivity testing and laboratory analysis.
- ❖ **vessel hatch inspection:** service includes checking hatch condition ensuring that they are free from loose rust and paint flake, free from previous cargo, checking that hatches are tight fitting, checking hatch open and closing operation is functional and timely, inspecting hatch rubber condition, hatch hose water testing, checking that holds are water-tight.
- ❖ **vessel hold cleanliness:** detailed inspection ensures that holds are clean, dry, free of loose rust and paint flake, free from previous cargo, free from infestation and odour and in every respect fit to receive the designated cargo.
- ❖ **continuous supervision:** ASA guarantees continuous supervision of customers' cargo loading and/or discharge (24 hours), representative sampling/sealing as per contract.
- ❖ **quality control inspection:** packaging reporting when applicable.

- ❖ **weight verification:** gross, tare & net weighing.
- ❖ **weighbridge control:** test weight checking, scale calibration and certification check, recording truck movements across scale ensuring that all cargo is weighed.
- ❖ **bagging supervision and tallying:** full tally and checking for bag strength and durability (laboratory testing is available) and verifying markings.
- ❖ **continuous information updates:** ASA's busy administration centre is in contact with all of its inspectors operating in the field and provides its customers with up-to-date, hour-by-hour detail of all loading and discharging operations.
- ❖ **documentation:** Alex Stewart Agriculture uses state-of-the-art technology to supply standardized reports and certificates; certification and reporting can be tailored to suit customer requirements. Photographic reports by conventional and digital camera can also be supplied for evidence purposes.
- ❖ **damaged cargo assessment:** establishing possible source, cause, and severity.
- ❖ **loss prevention:** supervision of reconstitution of acceptable cargo.
- ❖ **container services:** supervision of stuffing and unstuffing, container sealing, container condition surveying (on/off hire, damage assessment).
- ❖ **transportation services:** whether the commodity is manufactured, stored, shipped, railed, trucked or containerized, ASA can assist customers in their trading activities.
- ❖ **consultancy:** ASA offers consultancy services to assist



customers on methods concerning material handling, weighing, transportation, sampling and analysis. Local knowledge and years of experience are primary assets of its business.

KEY AGRICULTURAL GAFTA/FOSFA SUPERINTENDENT OPERATIONS WITHIN ALEX STEWART AGRICULTURE

Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Chile, China, Egypt, Estonia, Germany, Italy, India, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Malaysia, Netherlands, Peru, Philippines, Romania, Russia, Spain, Thailand, Turkey, Ukraine, UK, Uruguay & USA.

We inspect

Our inspectors oversee loading and discharge to ensure that your cargo meets your contractual obligations

We sample

Our ISO certified sampling methods guarantee homogenous, representative samples every time

We analyse

Our qualified chemists utilise state-of-the-art equipment to deliver the most precise and prompt results

Clients around the world trust Alex Stewart International to deliver fast, flexible and precise inspection and analytical services. Our comprehensive portfolio covers metals and minerals, crude oil and petroleum products, and agricultural commodities. Dependable and value-added solutions are guaranteed.

Our Global Network spans 45 Offices and 17 Laboratories. To find out more visit: www.alexstewartinternational.com

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