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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Foreign Agricultural Service

Meeting of Advisory Committee on Emerging Democracies

AGENCY: Foreign Agricultural Service.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the third meeting of the Advisory Committee on Emerging Democracies will be held March 23-24, 1995. The purpose of the committee is to provide information and advice, based upon knowledge and expertise of the members, useful to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) in implementing the program on sharing agricultural expertise with emerging democracies. The committee will also advise USDA on ways to increase the involvement of the U.S. private sector in cooperative work with emerging democracies in food and rural business systems.

DATES: The meeting will be held Thursday, March 23, 1995 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Friday, March 24 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Both meetings will be held at the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Washington, DC.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The minutes of the meeting announced in this Notice shall be available for review. The meeting is open to the public and members of the public may provide comments in writing to Douglas Freeman, Foreign Agricultural Service, room 6506 South Building, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 14th and Independence Ave. SW., Washington, DC 20250, but should not make any oral comments at the meeting unless invited to do so by the Co-chairpersons.

Signed at Washington, DC, February 24, 1995.

Timothy J. Galvin,

Acting Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service.

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Forest Service

Mono Tunnel Geothermal Lease Area

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Cancellation notice.

SUMMARY: The Forest Service has withdrawn its proposal to complete an Environmental Impact Statement on a proposal to lease geothermal resources on the Mono Lake Ranger District, Inyo National Forest, Mono County, California. The preparation of an environmental impact statement for this proposal is cancelled.

The Notice of Intent, published in the Federal Register on October 14, 1993, is hereby rescinded (58 FR 53185).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Direct questions about the proposed action and environmental impact statement to John Schuyler, Forest Planner, Inyo National Forest, Bishop, California, 93514, phone 619-873-2544.

Dated: February 22, 1995.

Leigh S. Beck,

Acting Regional Forester.

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Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

Request for Comments on the Need for Official Services in the South Texas Region, and Request for Applications for Designation to Provide Official Services in the South Texas (TX) Region Under a Pilot Program

AGENCY: Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: GIPSA has received several inquiries regarding designation of an organization to provide official services in South Texas. GIPSA is requesting comments on the need for official inspection services in South Texas. GIPSA is proposing to designate more than one official agency under a pilot

program to provide official services in the South Texas region. GIPSA also is requesting persons interested in providing official services in South Texas under a pilot program to submit an application for designation.

DATES: Applications and comments must be postmarked on or sent by telecopier (FAX) by March 21, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Applications and comments must be submitted to Janet M. Hart, Chief, Review Branch, Compliance Division, GIPSA, USDA, Room 1647 South Building, P.O. Box 96454, Washington, DC 20090-6454.

Telecopier (FAX) users may send applications and comments to the automatic telecopier machine at 202-720-1015, attention: Janet M. Hart. If an application is submitted by telecopier, GIPSA reserves the right to request an original application. All applications and comments will be made available for public inspection at this address at 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., during regular business hours.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janet M. Hart, telephone 202-720-8525.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

This action has been reviewed and determined not to be a rule or regulation as defined in Executive Order 12866 and Departmental Regulation 1512-1; therefore, the Executive Order and Departmental Regulation do not apply to this action.

Section 7(f)(1) of the United States Grain Standards Act, as amended (Act), authorizes GIPSA'S Administrator, after determining that there is sufficient need for official services, to designate a qualified applicant to provide official services in a specified area after determining that the applicant is qualified and is better able than any other applicant to provide such official services.

Sections 7(f) and 7A of the Act were amended by the U.S. Grain Standards Act Amendments of 1993 (Public Law 103-156) on November 24, 1993, to authorize FGIS' Administrator to conduct pilot programs allowing more than one official agency to provide official services within a single geographic area without undermining the declared policy of the Act. The purpose of the pilot programs is to evaluate the feasibility and impact of allowing more than one official agency to provide official services within a single geographic area.