

conducting such an approval, the EPA considers the possibility of adverse effects to human health and the environment from the use of this herbicide. When the use of the herbicide on the genetically modified plant would result in an increase in the residues of the herbicide in a food or feed crop for which the herbicide is currently registered, or in new residues in a crop for which the herbicide is not currently registered, establishment of a new tolerance or a revision of the existing tolerance would be required. Residue tolerances for pesticides are established by the EPA under the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA) (21 U.S.C. 201 *et seq.*), and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) enforces tolerances set by the EPA under the FFDCA.

The FDA published a statement of policy on foods derived from new plant varieties in the **Federal Register** on May 29, 1992 (57 FR 22984-23005). The FDA statement of policy includes a discussion of the FDA's authority for ensuring food safety under the FFDCA, and provides guidance to industry on the scientific considerations associated with the development of foods derived from new plant varieties, including those plants developed through the techniques of genetic engineering.

In accordance with § 340.6(d) of the regulations, we are publishing this notice to inform the public that APHIS will accept written comments regarding the Petition for Determination of Nonregulated Status from any interested person for a period of 60 days from the date of this notice. The petition and any comments received are available for public review, and copies of the petition may be ordered (see the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice).

After the comment period closes, APHIS will review the data submitted by the petitioner, all written comments received during the comment period, and any other relevant information. Based on the available information, APHIS will furnish a response to the petitioner, either approving the petition in whole or in part, or denying the petition. APHIS will then publish a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing the regulatory status of Dekalb's corn line B16 and the availability of APHIS' written decision.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 150aa-150jj, 151-167, and 1622n; 31 U.S.C. 9701; 7 CFR 2.17, 2.51, and 371.2(c).

Done in Washington, DC, this 24th day of July 1995.

Lonnie J. King,

Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

Opportunity for Designation in the Alton (IL), Columbus (OH), and Farwell (TX) Areas

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The United States Grain Standards Act, as amended (Act), provides that official agency designations will end not later than triennially and may be renewed. The designation of Alton Grain Inspection Department (Alton), will end March 31, 1996; the designation of Columbus Grain Inspection, Inc. (Columbus), will end February 28, 1996; and the designation of Farwell Grain Inspection, Inc. (Farwell), will end January 31, 1996, according to the Act, and GIPSA is asking persons interested in providing official services in the Alton, Columbus, and Farwell areas to submit an application for designation.

DATES: Applications must be postmarked or sent by telecopier (FAX) on or before August 30, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Applications 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 to the automatic telecopier machine at 202-690-2755, attention: Janet M. Hart. If an application is submitted by telecopier, GIPSA reserves the right to request an original application. All applications will be made available for public inspection at this address located at 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., 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 Act authorizes GIPSA' Administrator to designate a qualified applicant to provide official

services in a specified area after determining that the applicant is better able than any other applicant to provide such official services.

GIPSA designated Alton, main office located in Florissant, Missouri, to provide official inspection services under the Act on April 1, 1993; Columbus, main office located in Circleville, Ohio, to provide official inspection services under the Act on March 1, 1993; and Farwell, main office located in Farwell, Texas, to provide official inspection services under the Act on February 1, 1993.

Section 7(g)(1) of the Act provides that designations of official agencies shall end not later than triennially and may be renewed according to the criteria and procedures prescribed in Section 7(f) of the Act. The designation of Alton ends on March 31, 1996. The designation of Columbus ends on February 28, 1996, and the designation of Farwell ends on January 31, 1996.

The geographic area presently assigned to Alton, in the State of Illinois, pursuant to Section 7(f)(2) of the Act, which may be assigned to the applicant selected for designation is as follows:

Calhoun, Jersey, and Madison (West of State Route 4 and North of Interstate 70 and 270) Counties.

The geographic area presently assigned to Columbus, in the States of Ohio and Michigan, pursuant to Section 7(f)(2) of the Act, which may be assigned to the applicant selected for designation is as follows:

In Ohio:

Bounded on the North by the northern Lucas County line east to Lake Erie; the Lake Erie shoreline east to the Ohio-Pennsylvania State line;

Bounded on the East by the Ohio-Pennsylvania State line south to the Ohio River;

Bounded on the South by the Ohio River south-southwest to the western Scioto County line; and

Bounded on the West by the western Scioto County line north to State Route 73; State Route 73 northwest to U.S. Route 22; U.S. Route 22 west to U.S. Route 68; U.S. Route 68 north to Clark County; the northern Clark County line west to State Route 560; State Route 560 north to State Route 296; State Route 296 west to Interstate 75; Interstate 75 north to State Route 47; State Route 47 northeast to U.S. Route 68 (including all of Sidney, Ohio); U.S. Route 68 north to U.S. Route 30; U.S. Route 30 east to State Route 19; State Route 19 north to Seneca County; the southern Seneca County line west to State Route 53; State Route 53 north to Sandusky County; the southern Sandusky County line west to State Route 590; State Route 590 north

to Ottawa County; the southern and western Ottawa and Lucas County lines.

In Michigan: those sections of Jackson, Lenawee, and Monroe Counties which are east of State Route 127 and south of State Route 50.

Columbus' assigned geographic area does not include the following export port locations inside Columbus' area which have been and will continue to be serviced by FGIS: The Andersons, Toledo and Maumee, Ohio; Cargill, Inc., Toledo and Maumee, Ohio; Countrymark Cooperative, Inc., Toledo, Ohio; and Burdick Grain, Huron, Ohio.

The geographic area presently assigned to Farwell, in the States of Arizona, New Mexico, and Texas, pursuant to Section 7(f)(2) of the Act, which may be assigned to the applicant selected for designation is as follows:

Maricopa, Pinal, and Yuma Counties, Arizona. Bernalillo, Chaves, Curry, DeBaca, Eddy, Guadalupe, Lea, Quay, Roosevelt, San Miguel, Santa Fe, Tarrant, and Union Counties, New Mexico.

Bailey, Deaf Smith (west of State Route 214), Lamb (south of U.S. Route 70 and west of FM 303), and Parmer Counties, Texas.

Interested persons, including Alton, Columbus, and Farwell, are hereby given the opportunity to apply for designation to provide official services in the geographic area specified above under the provisions of Section 7(f) of the Act and section 800.196(d) of the regulations issued thereunder. Designation in the Alton specified geographic area is for the period beginning April 1, 1996, and ending January 31, 1999. Designation in the Columbus specified geographic area is for the period beginning March 1, 1996, and ending January 31, 1999. Designation in the Farwell specified geographic area is for the period beginning February 1, 1996, and ending January 31, 1999. Persons wishing to apply for designation should contact the Compliance Division at the address listed above for forms and information.

Applications and other available information will be considered in determining which applicant will be designated.

AUTHORITY: Pub. L. 94-582, 90 Stat. 2867, as amended (7 U.S.C. 71 *et seq.*)

Dated: July 19, 1995

Neil E. Porter

Director, Compliance Division

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Opportunity to Comment on the Applicant for the Northern Michigan Region

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: GIPSA requests comments on the applicant for designation to provide official services in the Northern Michigan region.

DATES: Comments must be postmarked, or sent by telecopier (FAX) or electronic mail by August 30, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Comments must be submitted in writing to Janet M. Hart, Chief, Review Branch, Compliance Division, GIPSA, USDA, Room 1647 South Building, P.O. Box 96454, Washington, DC 20090-6454. SprintMail users may respond to [A:ATTMAIL,O:USDA,ID:A36JHART]. ATTMAIL and FTS2000MAIL users may respond to !A36JHART. Telecopier (FAX) users may send comments to the automatic telecopier machine at 202-690-2755. All comments received will be made available for public inspection at the above address located at 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., 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.

In the June 1, 1995, **Federal Register** (60 FR 28570), GIPSA asked persons interested in providing official services in the Northern Michigan region to submit an application for designation. There was one applicant. Michigan Grain Inspection Services, Inc. (Michigan), main office located in Marshall, Michigan, applied for the entire area specified in the June 1, 1995, **Federal Register**.

GIPSA is publishing this notice to provide interested persons the opportunity to present comments concerning the applicant. Commenters are encouraged to submit reasons and pertinent data for support or objection to the designation of this applicant. All comments must be submitted to the Compliance Division at the above address. Comments and other available information will be considered in making a final decision. GIPSA will publish notice of the final decision in the **Federal Register**, and GIPSA will send the applicant written notification of the decision.

AUTHORITY: Pub. L. 94-582, 90 Stat. 2867, as amended (7 U.S.C. 71 *et seq.*)

Dated: July 19, 1995

Neil E. Porter

Director, Compliance Division

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Designation for the Fremont (NE) and Titus (IN) Areas

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: GIPSA announces the designation of Fremont Grain Inspection Department, Inc. (Fremont), and Titus Grain Inspection, Inc. (Titus), to provide official services under the United States Grain Standards Act, as amended (Act).

EFFECTIVE DATES: September 1, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Janet M. Hart, Chief, Review Branch, Compliance Division, GIPSA, USDA, Room 1647 South Building, P.O. Box 96454, Washington, DC 20090-6454.

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.

In the March 1, 1995, **Federal Register** (60 FR 11069), GIPSA asked persons interested in providing official services in the geographic areas assigned to Fremont and Titus to submit an application for designation. Applications were due by March 31, 1995. Fremont and Titus, the only applicants, each applied for designation in the entire area they are currently assigned.

GIPSA requested comments on the applicant in the April 21, 1995, **Federal Register** (60 FR 19882). Comments were due by May 30, 1995. GIPSA received one comment by the deadline. The comment supported the designation of Titus.

GIPSA evaluated all available information regarding the designation criteria in Section 7(f)(1)(A) of the Act; and according to Section 7(f)(1)(B), determined that Fremont and Titus are able to provide official services in the geographic areas for which they applied. Effective September 1, 1995, and ending August 31, 1998, Fremont and Titus are designated to provide official inspection services in the geographic areas specified in the March 1, 1995, **Federal**