

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

Opportunity for Designation in Kansas - Termination of Kansas' Designation, Possible Cancellation of Kansas' Designation, and Requests for Applications for Designation from Persons Interested in Providing Official Services in Kansas

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

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 the Kansas State Grain Inspection Department (Kansas) will end August 31, 1997, according to the Act. GIPSA is asking persons interested in providing official services in Kansas to submit an application for designation. In addition, Kansas has advised GIPSA that it is considering asking for cancellation of its designation effective July 1, 1997. Accordingly, GIPSA is also asking that the persons submitting applications be prepared to provide service effective July 1, 1997.

DATES: Applications must be postmarked or sent by telecopier (FAX) on or before March 31, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Applications must be submitted to USDA, GIPSA, Neil E. Porter, Director, Compliance Division, AG Code 3604, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-3604. Internet and GroupWise users may respond to nporter@fgisd.usda.gov. Applications may be submitted by FAX on 202-690-2755. If an application is submitted by FAX, 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: Neil E. Porter, telephone 202-720-8262.

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's 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 Kansas, main office located in Topeka, Kansas, to provide official inspection services under the Act on September 1, 1994.

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 Kansas ends on August 31, 1997, according to the Act.

Pursuant to Section 7(f)(2) of the Act, the following geographic area, the entire State of Kansas, is assigned to Kansas.

Interested persons, including Kansas, 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 Kansas geographic area is for the period beginning September 1, 1997, and ending August 31, 2000. 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(s) will be designated.

Further, Kansas has advised GIPSA that it is considering asking for cancellation of its designation effective July 1, 1997. As a result, GIPSA is also asking persons submitting applications to be prepared to provide official services effective July 1, 1997.

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

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Neil E. Porter,
Director, Compliance Division.
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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the District of Columbia Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, that a meeting of the District of Columbia Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene at 10:00 a.m. and adjourn at 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 13, 1997, at the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, Conference Room 540, 624 Ninth Street NW, Washington, DC 20425. The

purpose of the meeting is to provide an orientation for new Committee members, and plan project activities for FY 1997.

Persons desiring additional information, or planning a presentation to the Committee, should contact Committee Chairperson Steven Sims, 202-862-4815, or Ki-Taek Chun, Director of the Eastern Regional Office, 202-376-7533 (TDD 202-376-8116). Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meeting and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact the Regional Office at least five (5) working days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Commission.

Dated at Washington, DC, February 28, 1997.

Carol-Lee Hurley,
Chief, Regional Programs Coordination Unit.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 10-97]

Foreign-Trade Zone 38, Spartanburg, SC; Request for Manufacturing Authority, Zeuna Stärker USA, Inc., (Automotive Exhaust Systems)

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the South Carolina State Ports Authority, grantee of FTZ 38, pursuant to § 400.28(a)(2) of the Board's regulations (15 CFR part 400), requesting authority on behalf of Zeuna Stärker USA, Inc. (ZSUSA) (a subsidiary of Zeuna Stärker GmbH & Co., KG, Germany), to manufacture automotive exhaust systems under FTZ procedures within FTZ 38, with certain restrictions applicable to foreign stainless steel materials. It was formally filed on February 18, 1997.

The ZSUSA plant is located at 2651 New Cut Road within the proposed Site 4 of FTZ 38 in the Wingo Corporate Park, Spartanburg, South Carolina (Docket 65-96, 61 FR 45400, 8-29-96). The ZSUSA plant (50 employees) is used to manufacture exhaust systems for automotive applications that are sold in the U.S. and exported. Components sourced from abroad (about 80% of total) include: Catalytic converters, muffler boxes, flanges, fasteners, helical pressure and threaded inserts, brackets, stainless steel alloy pipe, and monoliths (duty rate range: 0.1-5.3%). The