

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE****Forest Service****Northwest Sacramento Provincial Advisory Committee (PAC)**

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Northwest Sacramento Provincial Advisory Committee will meet on October 22 and 23, 1997 at the conference room in the United Way Building, 2280 Benton Drive, Redding, CA. On October 22, the meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. and adjourn at 5:00 p.m. The meeting on October 23 will resume at 8:00 a.m. and adjourn at 3:00 p.m. Agenda items to be covered include: (1) Northwest Forest Plan Implementation; (2) Evaluation of the Watershed Analysis Process; (3) Upper Clear Creek Watershed Analysis Status; and (4) public comment periods. All PAC meetings are open to the public. Interested citizens are encouraged to attend.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kathy Hammond, USDA, Klamath National Forest, at 1312 Fairlane Road, Yreka, CA 96097; telephone 916-842-6131, (FTS) 700-467-1360.

Dated: October 6, 1997.

**Kathy L. Hammond,**

*PAC Coordinator.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE****Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration****United States Standards for Beans**

**AGENCY:** Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

The Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) is revising the voluntary United States Standards for Beans by changing the name of the class Black Turtle Soup beans to Black beans and establishing a separate grade chart for Cranberry beans. These changes were requested by the industry in order to improve the usability of the United States Standards for Beans.

Section 203(c) of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, as amended, directs and authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture "to develop and improve standards of quality, condition, quantity, grade, and packaging and recommend and demonstrate such standards in order to encourage

uniformity and consistency in commercial practices \* \* \*." The Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) is committed to carrying out this authority in a manner that facilitates the marketing of agricultural commodities and makes copies of official standards available upon request.

The Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) published a notice in the **Federal Register** on August 1, 1997 (62 FR 41335), that it was proposing to change the name of the class Black Turtle Soup beans to Black beans and to establish a separate grade chart for Cranberry beans.

GIPSA received only one comment in response to that notice. The Michigan Bean Shippers Association asked that GIPSA proceed with implementing the changes and stated "The changes \* \* \* will definitely be beneficial to U.S. world bean commerce." GIPSA has determined that establishing a separate grade chart for Cranberry beans and renaming the class Black Turtle Soup beans as Black beans will improve the usability of U.S. Standards for Beans.

Since these changes to the standards were recommended and reviewed by the affected trade and are consistent with current practices in the trade, they will become effective on November 10, 1997.

The United States Standards for Beans do not appear in the Code of Federal Regulations but are maintained by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The revised United States Standards for Beans are available either by accessing GIPSA's Home Page on the Internet at: [www.usda.gov/gipsa/strulreg/standard/beans](http://www.usda.gov/gipsa/strulreg/standard/beans) or by contacting the Audiovisual, Regulatory and Training Staff, GIPSA, USDA, STOP 3649, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-3649; telephone (202) 720-1734; FAX (202) 720-4628.

**Authority:** 7 U.S.C. 1621 *et seq.*

Dated: October 3, 1997.

**James R. Baker,**

*Administrator.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE****Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration Pilot Program for Barge Inspection Services on Selected Rivers**

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

**ACTION:** Notice with comment period.

**SUMMARY:** GIPSA is announcing its intent to conduct a pilot program allowing more than one official agency to provide barge inspection services within a single geographic area on the Mississippi River and/or other selected rivers. GIPSA is requesting comments on the specific pilot programs described below, and GIPSA also is announcing that it will consider suggestions for other possible pilot programs in lieu of those listed below.

**DATES:** Comments must be postmarked, or sent by telecopier (FAX) or electronic mail by November 15, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments must be sent to Neil E. Porter, Director, Compliance Division, STOP 3604 (Room 1647-S), 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-3604. Telecopier (FAX) users may send comments to the automatic telecopier machine at 202-690-2755, attention: Neil E. Porter.

All comments received will be made available for public inspection during regular business hours at the above address located at Room 1647-S, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Neil E. Porter, telephone 202-720-8262.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Sections 7(f) and 7A of the United States Grain Standards Act, as amended (Act), were amended by the U.S. Grain Standards Act Amendments of 1993 (Pub. L. 103-156) on November 24, 1993, to authorize GIPSA's 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 pilot programs is to evaluate the impact of allowing more than one official agency to provide official services within a single geographic area.

GIPSA considered several possible pilot programs as announced in the March 14, 1994, **Federal Register** (59 FR 11759) and the March 10, 1995, **Federal Register** (60 FR 13113). In the September 27, 1995, **Federal Register** (60 FR 49828) GIPSA announced two pilot programs, Timely Service and Open Season, starting on November 1, 1995, and ending on October 31, 1996. These two pilot programs were extended to October 31, 1999, as announced in the October 3, 1996, **Federal Register** (61 FR 51674).

The March 14, 1994, **Federal Register** Notice requested comments on a possible pilot program for barges on selected rivers or portions of rivers as defined by GIPSA. This was one of five potential pilots being considered. GIPSA received 41 comments. Seven