

Minnesota to submit an application for designation. Applications were due by July 30, 1997. There were three applicants for the Minnesota area: Mid-Iowa Grain Inspection, Inc., applied for designation to provide official services in the Minnesota counties of Filmore, Houston, and Winona; Minnesota applied for designation to provide official services in the entire Minnesota area; and Sioux City Inspection and Weighing Service Company, applied for designation to provide official services in the Minnesota counties of Murray, Nobles, Pipestone, and Rock.

GIPSA requested comments on the applicants for the Minnesota area in the September 2, 1997, **Federal Register** (62 FR 46245). Comments were due by October 1, 1997. GIPSA received no comments by the deadline.

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 Minnesota is better able to provide official services in the Minnesota area.

Effective January 1, 1998, and ending December 31, 2000, Minnesota is designated to provide official services in the geographic area specified in the June 30, 1997, **Federal Register**.

Interested persons may obtain services by contacting Minnesota at 612-341-7190.

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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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

Designation for the State of Mississippi

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: GIPSA announces the designation of the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce (Mississippi) to provide official services under the United States Grain Standards Act, as amended (Act).

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 1998.

ADDRESSES: USDA, GIPSA, Janet M. Hart, Chief, Review Branch, Compliance Division, STOP 3604, Room 1647-S,

1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20250-3604.

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 30, 1997, **Federal Register** (62 FR 35147), GIPSA asked persons interested in providing official services in the geographic area assigned to Mississippi to submit an application for designation. Applications were due by July 30, 1997. Mississippi, the only applicant for the Mississippi area, applied for designation to provide official services in the entire area currently assigned to them.

Since Mississippi was the only applicant for the Mississippi area, GIPSA did not ask for comments on the applicants.

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 Mississippi is able to provide official services in the geographic area for which they applied. Effective January 1, 1998, and ending December 31, 2000, Mississippi is designated to provide official services in the geographic area specified in the June 30, 1997, **Federal Register**.

Interested persons may obtain official services by contacting Mississippi at 601-947-4095.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce (DOC) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: Bureau of Export Administration (BXA).

Title: Short Supply Regulations—Unprocessed Western Red Cedar.

Agency Form Number: None.

OMB Approval Number: 0694-0025.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection of information

Burden: 36 hours.

Average Time Per Response: 25 minutes per response.

Number of Respondents: 35 respondents.

Needs and Uses: The information is collected as supporting documentation for the export of western red cedar logs. The Export Administration Act's prohibits the export of such logs from State or Federal lands. The information is used for export enforcement purposes to ensure that the logs are being shipped legally.

Affected Public: Individuals, businesses or other for-profit institutions.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain a benefit.

OMB Desk Officer: Victoria Baecher-Wassmer (202) 395-5871.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Linda Engelmeier, DOC Forms Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3272, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20230.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to Victoria Baecher-Wassmer, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20230.

Dated: November 21, 1997.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce (DOC) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: Bureau of Export Administration (BXA).

Title: Request for Special Priorities Assistance.

Agency Form Number: BXA-999.

OMB Approval Number: 0694-0057.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection of information.