

final EIS, the Forest Service is required to respond to comments and responses received during the comment period that pertain to the environmental consequences discussed in the draft EIS and applicable laws, regulations, and policies considered in making a decision regarding the proposal. Don Ostby, Forest Supervisor for the Umpqua National Forest, is the responsible official. The Forest Supervisor will document the decision and rationale for the Diamond Lake Drawdown decision in the Record of Decision, which will be subject to Forest Service Appeal Regulations 36 CFR part 215.

Dated: January 27, 1998.

Don Ostby,

Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

Designation for the Arkansas (AR) Area

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: GIPSA announces the designation of Memphis Grain Inspection Service (Memphis) to provide official services under the United States Grain Standards Act, as amended (Act).

EFFECTIVE DATES: March 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, at 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 October 1, 1997, **Federal Register** (62 FR 63513), GIPSA asked persons interested in providing official services in the Little Rock area, formerly assigned to Arkansas Grain Inspection Service, to submit an application for designation. Applications were due by October 30, 1997. There were two applicants: Memphis Grain Inspection Service, a currently designated official

agency, located at Memphis, Tennessee, and contiguous to the Little Rock area, applied for designation to provide official services in the Little Rock area; and the former Arkansas agency reorganized and applied for designation to provide official services in the Little Rock area.

GIPSA requested comments on the applicants for the Arkansas area in the December 1, 1997, **Federal Register** (62 FR 63513). Comments were due by December 30, 1997. GIPSA received eight written comments by the deadline. Two oral comments in favor of Memphis were also received, one of which expressed concerns about the former Arkansas Agency. Four grain companies had been provided official services by the former Arkansas agency and supported designation of Memphis discussing favorably the quality of service received. Memphis has been providing official services in the Little Rock area on an interim basis.

Six commentors supported designation of Arkansas with one comment noting that their support was contingent upon the business being properly managed and staffed. Others indicated that having an official agency in Little Rock was of concern and expressed concern about timeliness of service. Some of the comments stated that they had received previously excellent services from the Arkansas agency.

GIPSA evaluated all available information regarding the designation criteria in Section 7(f)(l)(A) of the Act and, according to Section 7(f)(l)(B), determined that Memphis is better able to provide official services in the Arkansas geographic area. Effective March 1, 1998, and ending May 31, 2000, concurrent with the termination of their current designation Memphis is designated to provide official services in the geographic area specified in the October 1, 1997, **Federal Register**.

Interested persons may obtain official services by contacting Memphis at 901-942-3216 or 501-372-5302.

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

Dated: January 23, 1998.

Neil E. Porter,

Director, Compliance Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

Designation for the Frankfort (IN) and Indianapolis (IN) Areas

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: GIPSA announces the designation of Frankfort Grain Inspection, Inc., (Frankfort) and Indianapolis Grain Inspection and Weighing Service, Inc., (Indianapolis) to provide official services under the United States Grain Standards Act, as amended (Act).

EFFECTIVE DATES: March and April 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, at 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 September 2, 1997, **Federal Register** (62 FR 46244), GIPSA asked persons interested in providing official services in the geographic areas assigned to Frankfort and Indianapolis to submit an application for designation. Applications were due by October 1, 1997. Frankfort and Indianapolis, the only applicants, each applied for designation to provide official services in the entire area currently assigned to them.

Since Frankfort and Indianapolis were the only applicants, GIPSA did not ask for comments on them.

GIPSA evaluated all available information regarding the designation criteria in Section 7(f)(l)(A) of the Act and, according to Section 7(f)(l)(B), determined that Frankfort and Indianapolis are able to provide official services in the geographic areas for which they applied. Effective March 1, 1998, and ending February 28, 2001, Frankfort is designated to provide official services in the geographic area specified in the September 2, 1997, **Federal Register**. Effective April 1, 1998, and ending February 28, 2001, Indianapolis is designated to provide official services in the geographic area